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ENGLAND MUST SUBMIT

Text of the President's Venezuela Message.

The Little Republic Will Be Protected by Force, if Neccessary—No Calamity So Great as Supine Submission to Wrong—The Monroe Doctrine Applies—He Recommends the Selection of a Commission to Ascertain the Boundary—Lord Salisbury's Note.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The following is the full text of the message sent to congress yesterday by President Cleveland in connection with the Venezuela correspondence:

"To the congress—In my annual message to the congress on the 3d inst. I called attention to the pending boundary dispute between Great Britain and the republic of Venezuela, and recited the substance of a representation made by this government to her Britannic majesty's government, suggesting reasons why such dispute should be submitted to arbitration for settlement and inquiring whether it would be so submitted. The answer of the British government, which was then awaited, has since been received, and, together with the dispatch to which it is a reply, is hereto appended. Such reply is embodied in two communications addressed by the British prime minister to Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador at this capital. It will be seen that one of these communications is devoted exclusively to observations upon the Monroe doctrine and claims that in the present instance a new and strange extension and development of the doctrine is insisted upon by the United States; that the reasons justifying an appeal to the doctrine enunciated by President Monroe are generally inapplicable 'to the state of things in which we live at the present day,' and especially inapplicable to a controversy involving the boundary line between Great Britain and Venezuela.

Monroe Doctrine Sound.

"Without attempting extended argument in reply to these positions, it may not be amiss to suggest that the doctrine upon which we stand is strong and sound because its enforcement is important to our peace and safety as a nation and is essential to the integrity of our free institutions and the tranquil maintenance of our distinctive form of government. It was intended to apply to every stage of our national life, and cannot become obsolete while our republic endures. If the balance of power is justly a cause for jealous anxiety among the governments of the old world, and a subject for an absolute non-interference, none the less is an observance of the Monroe doctrine of vital concern to our people and their government. Assuming, therefore, that we may properly insist upon this doctrine without regard 'to the state of things in which we live,' or any changed conditions here or elsewhere, it is not apparent why its application may not be invoked in the present controversy. If a European power, by an extension of its boundaries, takes possession of the territory of one of our neighboring republics against its will and in derogation of its rights, it is difficult to see why to that extent, such European power does not thereby attempt to extended its system of government to that portion of this continent which is thus taken. This is the precise action which president Monroe declared to be 'dangerous to our peace and safety,' and it can make no difference whether the European system is extended by an advance of frontier or otherwise.

Exclusive American Principles.

"It is also suggested in the British reply that we should not seek to apply the Monroe doctrine to the pending dispute, because it does not embody any principle of international law which 'is founded on the general consent of nations,' and that 'no statesman, however eminent, and no nation, however powerful, are competent to insert into the code of international law a novel principle which was never recognized before, and which has not since been accepted by the government of any other country.' Practically, the principle for which we contend has peculiar, if not exclusive, relation to the United States. It may not have been admitted in so many words to the code of international law, but since in international counsels every nation is entitled to rights belonging to it, if the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine is something we may justly claim, it has its place in the code of international law as certainly and as securely as if it were specifically mentioned, and when the United States is a suitor before the high tribunal that administers international law the question to be determined is whether or not we present claims which the justice of that code of law can find to be right and valid. The Monroe doctrine finds its recognition in these principles of international law which are based upon the theory that every nation shall have its rights protected and its just claims enforced.

Clear Rights and Undoubted Claims

"Of course this government is entirely confident that, under the sanction of this doctrine, we have clear rights and undoubted claims. Nor is this ignored in the British reply. The prime minister, while not admitting that the Monroe doctrine is applicable to present conditions, states. In declaring that the United States would resist any such enterprise if it was contemplated, President Monroe adopted a policy which received the entire sympathy of the English government of that date.' He further declares: 'Though the language of President Monroe is directed to the attainment of objects which most Englishmen would agree to be salutary, it is impossible to admit that they have been inscribed by any adequate authority in the code of international law.' Again he says: 'They (her majesty's government) fully concur with the view which President Monroe apparently entertained, that any disturbance of the existing territorial distribution in that hemisphere by any fresh acquisitions on the part of any European state, would be a highly inexpedient change.' Anxious to learn in a satisfactory manner whether Great Britain sought under a claim of boundary, to extend her possessions on this continent without right, or whether she merely sought possession of territory fairly included within her lines of ownership, this government proposed to the government of Great Britain a resort to arbitration as the proper means of settling the question, to the end that a vexatious boundary dispute between the two contestants might be determined and our exact standing and relation in respect to the controversy might be made clear.

Our Course Is Clear.

"It will be seen from the correspondence herewith submitted that this proposition has been declined by the British government upon grounds which, in the circumstances, seem to be far from satisfactory. It is deeply disappointing that such an appeal, actuated by the most friendly feelings towards both nations directly concerned, addressed to the sense of justice and to the magnanimity of one of the great powers of the world and touching its relations to one comparatively small and weak, should have produced no better results. The course to be pursued by this country, in view of the present condition, does not appear to admit of serious doubt. Having labored faithfully for many years to induce Great Britain to submit this dispute to impartial arbitration, and having been now finally apprised of her refusal to do so, nothing remains but to accept the situation, to recognize its plain requirements, and to act accordingly. Great Britain's present proposition has never thus far been regarded as admissible by Venezuela, though any adjustment of the boundary which that country may deem for her advantage and may enter into of her own free will cannot, of course, be objected to by the United States.

The United States Must Act.

"Assuming, however, that the attitude of Venezuela will remain unchanged, the dispute has reached such a stage as to make it now incumbent upon the United States to take measures to determine with sufficient certainty for its justification what is the true divisional line between the republic of Venezuela and British Guiana. The inquiry to that end should, of course, be conducted carefully and judicially, and due weight should be given to all available evidence, records and facts in support of the claim of both parties.

Must Resist By Every Means.

"In order that such an examination should be prosecuted in a thorough and satisfactory manner, I suggest that the congress make an adequate appropriation for the expenses of a commission to be appointed by the executive, who shall make the necessary investigation and report upon the matter with the least possible delay. When such report is made and accepted it will, in my opinion, be the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power as a wilful aggression upon its rights and interests the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands or the exercise of any governmental jurisdiction over any territory which after investigation we have determined of right belong to Venezuela. In making these recommendations I am fully alive to the full responsibility incurred, and keenly realize all the consequences that may follow.

No Calamity Like Supine Submission

"I am, nevertheless, firm in my conviction that while it is a grievous thing to contemplate the two great English-speaking people of the world as being otherwise than friendly competitors in the onward march of civilization, and strenuous and worthy rivals in all the works of peace, there is no calamity which a great nation can invite which surpasses that which follows a supine submission to wrong and injustice and the consequent loss of national self-respect and honor, beneath which is shielded and defended a people's safety and greatness.

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

SALISBURY'S REPLY.

The Monroe Doctrine Not Applicable to the Venezuela Dispute.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The British side of the Venezuela dispute is embodied in two notes from Lord Salisbury to Sir Julian Pauncefote. Both notes are dated the same day, and one, which the ambassador is directed to communicate to Secretary Olney, is of the highest importance, as in it Lord Selisbury goes broadly into the Monroe doctrine. The main points are as follows:

Differs with Olney.

"On the 7th of August I transmitted to Lord Gough a copy of the dispatch from Mr. Olney, which Mr. Bayard had left with me that day, and of which he had read portions to me. I informed him at the time that it could not be answered until it had been carefully considered by the law officers of the crown. I have therefore deferred replying to it until after the recess. I will not now deal with those portions of it which deal exclusively with the controversy that has for some time past existed between the republic of Venezuela and her majesty's government in regard to the boundary which separates their dominions. I take a very different view from Mr. Olney of various matters upon which he touches in that part of the dispatch. The contentions set forth by Mr. Olney are represented by him as being an application of the political maxims which are well known in American discussion under the name of the Monroe doctrine.

No Danger of European Imposition.

"As far as I am aware, this doctrine has never before been advanced on behalf of the United States in any written communication addressed to the government of another nation, but it has been generally adopted and assumed as true by many eminent writers and politicians in the United States. It is said to have largely influenced the government of that country in the conduct of its foreign affairs; though Mr. Clayton, who was secretary of state under President Taylor, expressly stated that that administration had in no way adopted it. The dangers which were apprehendal by President Monroe have no relation to the state of things in which we live at the present day. There is no danger of any alliance imposing its system upon any portion of the American continent, and there is no danger of any European state treating any part of the American continent as a fit object of European colonization.

Purely a Personal Dispute.

"The British empire and the republic of Venezuela are neighbors, and they differ as to the line by which their dominions are separated. It is a controversy with which the United States have no apparent practical concern. It is difficult, indeed, to see how it can materially affect any state or community outside those primarily interested, except, perhaps, other parts of her majesty's dominions, such as Trinidad. It is simply the determination of the frontier of a British possession which belonged to the throne of England long before the republic of Venezuela came into existence."

What England Would Do.

The second note of November 25 is wholly devoted to a discussion of the boundary dispute, exclusive of its relation to the Monroe doctrine. This dispatch, however, sounds the keynote of Great Britain's position with reference to Mr. Olney's representations. Lord Salisbury states that Great Britain has repeatedly expressed its willingness to submit to arbitration the conflicting claims of Great Britain to territory of great mineral value, and follows this statement with these important words: "But they (the British government) cannot consent to entertain or to submit to the arbitration of another power or a foreign jurist, however eminent, claims based on extravagant pretensions of Spanish officials in the last century, and involving the transfer of large numbers of British subjects who have for many years enjoyed the settled rule of the British colony, to a nation of different race and language, whose political system is subject to frequent disturbance, and whose institutions as yet too often afford very inadequate protection to life and property. No issue of this description has ever been involved in the questions which Great Britain and the United States have consented to submit to arbitration, and her majesty's government is convinced that in similar circumstances the government of the United States would be equally firm in declining to entertain proposals of such a nature." Lord Salisbury concludes with the statement that her majesty's government have not surrendered the hope that the controversy between themselves and Venezuela will be adjusted by reasonable arrangement at an early date.

Threw the Priest Out Bodily.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 18.—A number of the parishoners of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church who are opposed to Father Slattery went yesterday to the priest's house, dragged him from bed, and threw him bodily into the street. It is probable that they will all be excommunicated.

UPHOLD THE PRESIDENT

His Action Forceful and Has General Approval.

The Venezuela Affair the All-absorbing Topic of Conversation in Washington — Views of Senators and Representatives — The Message Cheered.

Washington, Dec. 18. — President Cleveland's Venezuela message is the all absording topic of conversation in both official and private circles to-day and the concensus of opinion is in effect that the president's attitude was forceful and in thorough accord with the sentiments of the people generally. When the message was read in the senate evidences of approval were equally strong and significant on both sides of the chamber—perhaps even more so on the republican than on the democratic side. Mr. Morgan, dem., Ala., looking over to the republican side remarked that there was "no mistaking the meaning of that," and Mr. Frye, rep., Me., gave an assenting nod, with the remark "that is capital." The message and accompanying papers were ordered printed and referred to the committee on foreign relations. The committee was authorized to sit during any recess of the senate. In the house the reading of the message evoked hearty applause on both sides. It was referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

Views of Representatives.

Mr. Russell, rep., Conn.: The message is good. Anything less would be unpatriotic and cowardly in a president of the United States. A commission will delay the settlement of the controversy and furnish information already known. Its suggestion is prudent, perhaps, and allows England a chance to retract. Mr. McCreary, dem., Ky., who was chairman of the foreign affairs committee in the last congress: It is vigorous, powerful and able. As a reaffirmation of the Monroe doctrine it will attract wide attention and, I believe, be generally approved by the people. Mr. Cummings, dem., N. Y.: The message breathes the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe and Andrew Jackson. President Cleveland's action stands in strong contrast with the cowardly action of Lord Salisbury in Armenian affairs. The president stands by the Monroe doctrine, and he undoubtedly means every word he says. Mr. Bartlett, dem., N. Y.: I am glad to see that the president has decided in favor of resisting the aggressions of Great Britain in respect to the boundary dispute. I believe it is practically conceded that England's title to a large part of the disputed territory is a title which might alone gives. We should force Great Britain to recede from her position and relinquish the territy.

South American Diplomats Pleased.

The diplomatic representatives of American republics in Washington were highly elated over the message and nearly all of them cabled copious extracts of the document to their respective governments. Ever since the Corinto affair they had been somewhat despondent over the supposed indisposition of the United States to resist foreign aggressions on the American continent, but now they cannot find language adequate to express their admiration for the president's forcible utterances, particularly in regard to the possible resort to other competitions than those "in the arts of peace." None of the American ministers or charge d'affaires, however, consented to speak authoritatively for their governments in the absence of instructions nor would any be led into a public interview on the subject.

Expressions of Senators.

Mr. Gorman, dem., Md.: It is a very thorough, emphatic and strong American message. It looks very much as if the president intended to enforce the Monroe doctrine. Mr. Call, dem., Fla.: It is excellent, splendid. The matter is still open to arbitration and I am sure England will finally consent. Mr. Lodge, rep., Mass.: The message is the most serious and important utterance which has been submitted by any president to congress for many years. As a matter of course I heartly approve of its spirit and the general position taken.

REBELS TWICE DEFEATED.

Government Success in Cuba Reported at Madrid.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Imparcial from Santiago de Cuba says that a government force under the command of Col. Garrido has twice defeated the rebels under Jose Maceo at Peladeros. The dispatch further says that Col. Zamara has routed 800 insurgents at Jamal. The Spanish losses in each of the engagements was slight.

Rebel Defeat Reported.

Madrid, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Imparcial from Havana says that Colonel Arizon has defeated Gomez and Maceo with heavy loss at Mal Tiempe. The rebels retreated hastily, burning the railway bridge at Flore behind them and cutting off communication.

AS VIEWED IN ENGLAND

British Press Comment on the Message.

The Views Advanced by President Cleveland Are Vigorously Combatted—The Monroe Doctrine a Matter Only of History Now, the Newspapers Claim.

London, Dec. 18.—The Daily News, commenting on President Cleveland's message to congress on the Venezuelan question, will to-day say: "The president's communication is a remarkable document, though its consequences are not likely to be serious. Neither Mr. Olney nor the president seem to realize that the Monroe doctrine cannot be quoted as authoritative in negotiations with a foreign power. Both of them are certainly as far as possible from suspecting that the real author of the doctrine was Canning, not Monroe. Great Britain in 1832 was jealous of the Spanish encroachments in South America and induced Monroe to protest against European aggression on American soil. The seventy-two years that have since elapsed have entirely changed that situation. The Monroe doctrine is now purely of historical interest. The definition of the doctrine, however, is a matter for the Americans themselves. It binds nobody else. The president in his account of the doctrine surrenders the whole case. It follows from the message that Guiana, and, indeed, Canada, have no right of independent existence on American soil. The concluding portions of Mr. Cleveland's message are not expressed in the language usually employed by one friendly power to another. They are aggressive, even menacing. England is threatened with war unless she permits Mr. Cleveland to adjust the boundaries of Venezuela. Happily, there is some sense of humor in the American people. Regarded as a party move, the message is not unskilful. It puts the republicans in a hole."

With Blank Astonishment.

The Chronicle will say: "The message will be read in this country with blank astonishment. An American commission to determine what territory a British colony can call its own, and failing our compliance with its finding, war by land and sea with Great Britain. Can these be serious words addressed to us by the descendants of the little shipload of English folks who sailed in the Mayflower? We will not take things too seriously. We will suppose that the president is engaged in the familiar work of twisting the lion's tail. There is one answer to President Cleveland and America. If an enlarged application of a neglected doctrine is to be enforced with all the might of the United States at least let us be assured of the correlative that the United States will make itself responsible for the foreign policy of all the petty, impetuous little states on the two continents of America. There is no international right without corresponding duty. We can only express genuine regret at the tone of the document, which meets no argument made by Lord Salisbury, and which applies a threat of force from a daughter state to the motherland over an obscure, trumpery dispute in which the United States has no real interest, but the message cannot obscure of defeat the affection which subsists between the two countries, or break the ties of blood that must needs bine them in indissoluble union."

Outdone the Republicans.

The Morning Post says: "President Cleveland has outdone the republican party in his effort to show his dislike for this country, yet he has not committed himself to anything. The international law tribunal that President Cleveland asks congress to set up can have no more binding effect on this country than would a decision by the supreme court at Washington."

Cleveland's Position Preposterous.

The Standard says: Most Englishmen will read the message with unfeigned astonishment. The position taken by Mr. Cleveland is preposterous. There can be only one answer to such a demand. We decline to humiliate ourselves and refuse to accept the decision of the United States' executive in matters altogether outside of his jurisdiction. As British subjects have settled up to the Schomburgk line, we cannot possibly withdraw our protection and leave them to the risks of the revolutions and misrule of the republic; but beyond the pale of settlement we are quite willing to accept arbitration. By the same rule the United States might be asked to submit their title to Alaska to the judgment of impartial umpires. Congress would indignantly reject such a demand. So will the British government reject the present demand."

ALLEN G. THURMAN'S WILL.

An Estate of About $100,000 Left. Three Children Survive Him.

Columbus, O., Dec. 18.—The will of Allen G. Thurman will be read in probate court Thursday. The estate is worth about $100,000. There are three children — Elizabeth T. McCormack, Mary T. Halliday and Allen W. Thurman.

MANY CARS WRECKED

Riots Attend Philadelphia's Traction Strike.

Not a Wheel of the Company Involved Turning This Morning and Only One Line in the City in Operation—Mobs, Composed Mostly of Boys, Wreck About 300 Cars.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Riot and destruction marked the opening day of the great strike of the street car employes of the Union Traction company. Aided by the mischievous, lawless element, the strikers succeeded in completely tieing up the lines of the Union Traction company this morning, with the exception of the one line not controlled by the company involved in the strike, not a street car wheel was turning in Philadelphia. Never before in the history of the city has there been witnessed such widespread disorder. To the credit of the strikers it may be said that the disorders were created by too ardent sympathizers. Boys held up cars and drove the motormen and conductors from their posts with volleys of bricks and stones and then smashed the glass in the windows of the cars, cut the trolley ropes, pulled out the fuses, smashed in the cash registers and tore off the fenders in front of the cars. In all about 300 cars were badly wrecked, and last evening the traction company gave up the effort to run cars, and, with the aid of the police, withdrew their shattered and abandoned rolling stock back into the car sheds.

More Trouble Anticipated.

The mayor issued a proclamation calling upon all good citizens to preserve the peace and asking them to refrain from gathering in crowds on the streets. He further added that violence and riot would be met with force and that the peace of the city will be preserved at all hazards. While the crowds attacked the cars, the spirit of the mob seemed to be one of malicious mischief more than threatening temper that marks a real riot. The suddenness of the numerous outbreaks seemed to take the police by surprise, and for a time cars were wrecked with impunity in the very heart of the retail shopping district. Then the patrolmen were massed at every threatened point and this morning every policeman in the city is on duty. The company made no attempt to run cars last night, but under police protection they will start the Market street branch of their line some time to-day, and trouble is sure to follow, and to-day may witness more serious rioting than took place yesterday.

Strikers Made No Disturbance.

The strikers attempted no interference with the cars, but confined their efforts to trying to dissuade the motormen and conductors who were not with them from going out on the cars. They met them as they went to work and talked with them, and in many cases were successful. Where a man would refuse to join them he might get sharply spoken to, but beyond this he was not threatened. In anticipation of any trouble six squads of policemen were massed at the various car stables as the most likely places where it would occur. The police allowed no congregations of men around the car stables, but they met with the greatest annoyance from women and boys who stood by and jeered and hooted at the motormen and conductors as they went out. There was no concerted movement to attack the cars, but in a dozen different places at once obstructions were put on the track. When the cars came to a stop some one would throw a stone. Then missiles of every description would strike the car until not a window was left. In no case were the motormen or conductors very roughly handled, the crowds being content to wreck the cars.

Boys the Wreckers.

Some of the worst destruction occurred on Chestnut street. A little bootblack alongside a stalled car swung his box and dashed it through one of the windows. Every boy in the crowd immediately proceeded to take a hand in the destruction and in less time than it takes to think of it every light in the car was broken. The stalling of this car banked up behind it as far as Thirteenth street thirteen other cars. The mob swept up the street with stones and clubs and drove the conductors and motormen away and wrecked the cars. Because a motorman, who was being hooted at by a store messenger boy, made a kick at the younster a gang of his companions dragged the motorman and conductor from their platforms and wrecked the car in a twinkling. Just above Ninth street a policeman was standing beside one of the wrecked cars hemmed in by the crowd. A boy about 17 years of age jumped on the car and taking a heavy iron switch rod proceeded to deliberately wreck the interior. After he had finished his work he disappeared. The police were powerless to stop him.

All the air with love is laden,
Where the Yule logs glow and flame,
Hopeful youth and trustful maiden
Softly chant the Master's name.
Now, if there be any sad ones,
Bid their tearful eyes be dried.
Now, if there be thoughtless glad ones,
Be that gladness purified;
For the bells of peace are ringing,
Chiming anthems of the free.
Earth and Heaven join in singing
Of the glories yet to be.

Seek the boughs, so green and fragrant,
Let the waxen tapers dance,
Here is hope for prince, for vagrant,
Christ of every circumstance!
Pile the leaping fagots higher,
Let the wide-mouthed chimneys roar
Clash the cymbals, twang the lyre,
Angels wait at every door.
Soft the Day of Peace is breaking;
Gladdest day of all the year;
And sweet Plenty, want o'ertaking,
Spreads a feast of love and cheer.

On the evening before Christmas, in the year of grace 1894, Mr. Rufus Bell created a mild sensation at his home by arriving with a parcel of huge dimensions. He made sure that none of the children were about the house before he entered and, when he had crossed the threshold he immediately concealed the mysterious bundle in a closet and locked the door upon it.

Mrs. Bell at once demanded an explanation, and her niece, Miss Rose Mayne, seconded the demand strongly; thereupon Mr. Bell struck the attitude popular with candidates when they say "My fellow-countrymen," and said:

"Ladies, I am but human, singular as the statement may seem; but I am nevertheless a being of ideas and resources—"

"We are always acquiring information," interrupted Mrs. Bell.

"Rose," continued Mr. Bell, serenely, turning to the younger lady, "as a school-teacher you must have studied juvenile human nature, and you must have been shocked by the fact that children cease to believe in the good old stories of Santa Claus and his reindeer almost as soon as they are able to walk; in fact, I have heard you comment upon this sad truth. What is Christmas to a child, if the child doesn't believe in Santa Claus? Where are all the romance and poetry of the occasion? My own children are skeptical when I tell them the charming legend of Kris Kringle; I have undertaken to convince them that there is a Santa Claus; I have decided to let them see Santa Claus in person."

This announcement naturally pleased the ladies; and their excitement was quite intense when Mr. Bell produced a bundle from the closet and opened it, producing a lot of ancient furs and a bearskin hat that had probably been used by a drum major of the town band; to please the ladies he donned his costume at once, and they voted him a perfect Santa Claus, as he certainly was.

"Now," he said, when he had resumed his ordinary raiment, "I don't think it quite fair to reserve this entertainment for our own children exclusively, so I have invited a few good little boys and girls of the neighborhood; and Mr. and Mrs. Brewster will be here, and young Mr. Moon; I have let them into the secret. You will tell the children to hang their hosiery in the north room, and inform them that you have reason to believe that they may see Santa Claus if they sit up and keep perfectly still; at the proper time I'll ascend the roof and slide down the chimney; it is just large enough for the purpose. And I guess that's all."

During the balance of the evening, until nine o'clock, there was a great deal of active preparation in progress in the Bell mansion; the north room was tidied, and a semi-circle of chairs placed for the expected guests, who began to arrive at the stipulated time. Mr. Bell was in a fine frenzy of excitement; he declared to his wife, in a whisper, that he felt like a boy again, and she replied that she was ten years younger than she was before he unfolded his delicious scheme. By half-past nine all the guests, large and small, were in their places; Mr. Moon, a young man who had been studying law for ten years, and who hoped soon to be admitted to the bar, sat next to Miss Rose, upon whose hand he had serious designs, and his efforts to appear at ease were amusing and instructive; Mr. Brewster, who was small and timid looking, nestled beside his wife, who was massive and had a bass voice; silence brooded over the throng until Mr. Bell, who was given to speeches, went into another attitude, and said:

"Children, I have heard that you don't believe there is a Santa Claus? You have formed the unworthy idea that your parents and friends fill your stockings on Christmas eve, and that good old fur-clothed Santa is a myth. Now, I have here a letter from Santa.

(Great excitement among the children.)

"And he says that he will arrive here at ten o'clock, coming down the chimney which you see before you. I must leave you for awhile, as I must keep watch outside; but you must all be quiet and keep your seats, or Santa Claus may become angry, and refuse to enter."

Ten o'clock was announced by the tall clock in the adjoining room, and the mellow chimes of that ancient timepiece had scarcely died away before the children heard other sounds. Up overhead there was a violent scratching and tearing, as though a poorly shod reindeer was trying to climb the roof, and they distinctly heard the silvery tinkling of bells, and some of them believed that they could make out the grinding of the sleigh runners on the shingles. It was a moment of awful excitement; Johnnie Bell, who had never quailed in danger's stormy hour, did not try to conceal the cold perspiration that stood on his forehead; Amelia Grimm, whose

A PERFECT SANTA CLAUS.

courage was generally unswerving and uncompromising, tried to stifle a shriek, and only half succeeded.

After the roof had been successfully ascended, they heard a great noise by the chimney, as though Santa had just alighted, and then they heard him descend the interior of the chimney; lower and lower he came, until finally his legs were in the room, and they kicked in a very human and prosaic way. After they had kicked for awhile, and no more of the visitor's body appeared, it began to dawn upon everybody that Santa was in difficulties. The children and the older visitors sat staring at the legs for a few minutes, and then Mr. Moon, who was a man for an emergency, gallantly rushed to the rescue. He seized Santa's ankles and pulled with all the force of a pair of gymnasium-educated arms, but he didn't seem to make any headway, for Santa yelled in a voice that sounded like a doleful cry from the tomb that he was being wedged in tighter than ever, and he implored the company to do something for his relief.

The elders held a council of war. Mr. Brewster mildly suggested that it would be a good plan to send in a fire alarm, but his wife crushed him with a look, and said that the only way she saw was to take the bricks out of the chimney; and she added: "This comes of a man trying to act the fool when he ought to be thinking of the world to come."

Meanwhile Santa groaned and shrieked in a fearful manner in the chimney, and protested that if he wasn't soon released he would be a corpse. Mrs. Bell was fainting comfortably in her armchair, and most of the children had vanished. It was then that Miss Rose approached Mr. Moon, wringing her hands and weeping beautifully.

"Mr. Moon," she cried, "you see the sufferings of my uncle, and you stand here idle. Can you not rescue him?"

"Miss Rose," said the intrepid young man, "I can get him out of that in five minutes; it rests with you whether I

EVERYBODY CROWDED ABOUT MR. BELL.

shall do it or not. The last time I proposed to you, you refused me, as usual. If you'll promse to marry me, I'll rescue your uncle; if you won't, I leave this town forever—and your uncle in the chimney. His kicks are growing feeble and labored; I don't think he can last more than three minutes."

The young lady leveled a glance of scorn at him that should have withered him, but he stood firm. He felt that his whole future was at stake, and reflected that all's fair in love and war. There was a stern, cold silence for a minute or two. Meanwhile the vibrations of Santa's legs became desultory and spasmodic, and his muffled groans betokened extreme exhaustion.

"Wretch!" cried the young lady, at last, "rescue my uncle! You shall have the reward you ask."

The wretch bowed with noble grace and a moment later was on the roof, with a rope in his hand; he let the rope down the chimney, and called to Santa Claus to grasp it and hang on. Santa did so, and tolled upward while Mr. Moon pulled; after 15 minutes of distressing work, Santa emerged from the chimney, a poor, battered effigy of himself. Mr. Moon assisted him to the ground and into the house, where the children and the other guests crowded about him and laughed; for children always will laugh when they ought to weep.

When Mr. Bell was recovered sufficiently, he leaned against the back of a chair—he was too weak for an attitude—and said:

"Children, if you tell about this around town, I'll have you all arrested and sent to the penitentiary for life. And you, Johnnie, for that titter I'll make you saw a cord of green wood. I want you all to go home and tell your parents that Santa Claus is the biggest hoax of the 19th century, and I'll guarantee every word you say."

By careful nursing Mr. Bell was restored to his normal health in a few days, and his first act was to have the old chimney taken down.

One day in March Mr. Moon led his bride to the altar; he held his head high and his eye sparkled. After the ceremony there was a dinner at Mr. Bell's residence, and Mr. Bell himself was radiant with good humor and hospitality. He called the young couple aside, and indulged in an attitude and a speech:

"My beloved ones," he began, "the morning of life opens radiant to you; sunlight glimmers upon the waters, there are blue skies overhead, and—er—the robin redbreasts are twittering on the boughs. But dark days of tempest and storm may come; rolling waves may threaten your bark, and then remember that if you need a helping hand, you may call upon Rufus Bell."

Mr. Moon looked dreamily out of the window.

"May I ask a favor of you now?" he asked.

"A hundred of them, my dear boy."

"Well, I see it's snowing, and there's enough on the ground to make sleighing. Will you lend us your reindeer and sled for awhile?"

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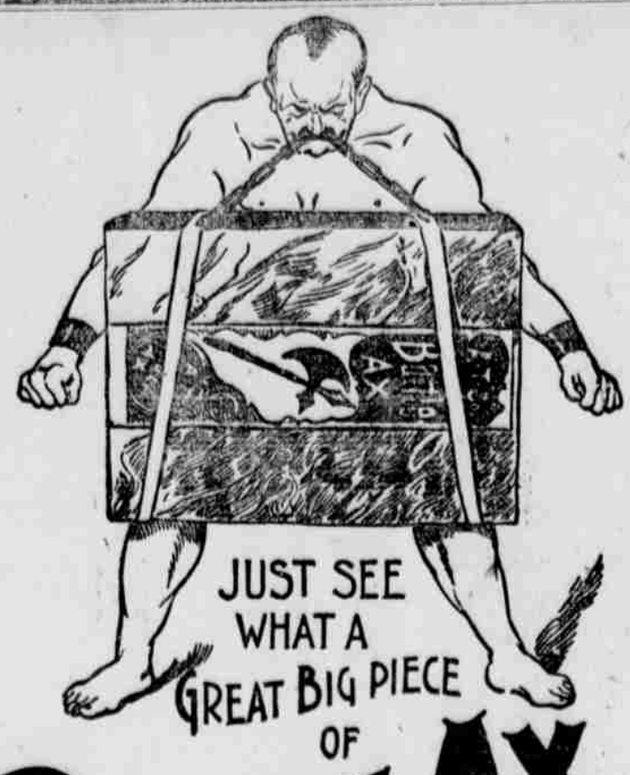
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Rye " "	.50
Wheat flour per bbl	3.50
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Potatoes per bushel,	.30
Turnips " "	.25
Onions " "	.50
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Shoulder " "	.11
Side meat " "	.07
Vinegar, per qt	.07
Dried apples per lb	.05
Dried cherries, pitted	.10
Raspberries	.12
Cow Hides per lb	.3½
Steer " " "	.05
Calf Skin	.80
Sheep pelts	.75
Shelled corn per bus	.60
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THE OLD ROMAN DEAD.

Allen G. Thurman Passed Away Peacefully In Columbus, O.

Ex Senator Allen G. Thurman died at his home at Columbus, December 12. The death of Mr. Thurman was a painful shock to the general public there. The reports from him before were to the effect that he was doing finely. The Thurman residence is about a mile from the center of town. The end came peacefully, and the great statesman sank to rest as though only dropping into a doze

Allen G. Thurman was born in Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 13, 1813. His father, Rev. P. Thurman, and his mother, only daughter of Colonel Nathaniel Allen, father of the late Governor Allen, removed to Chillicothe, O., in 1819, where young Thurman was well educated, studying law with his uncle, the late William Allen, then United States senator, and subsequently with the late Noah H. Swayne of the United States supreme bench. He practiced law from 1835 to 1851, when he was elected judge of the supreme court, being chief justice from 1854 to 1856, when his term expired During his supreme judgeship he took up his residence permanently in Columbus. Previously he had been elected to congress. In 1867 he was the Democratic candidate for governor against ex-President R. B. Hayes and was beaten by less than 3,000. In 1868 he was elected United States senator over Clement L. Vallandigham and re-elected in 1874, serving 12 years in that body.

DEFEATED BY HIS UNCLE.

On retiring from the supreme bench he resumed the practice of law in Columbus from 1856 to 1868, and in like manner on retiring from the United States senate in 1880, although he was for years thereafter engaged in Europe as United States monetary commissioner by appointment of his old competitor, President Hayes. While Judge Thurman made his national reputation as senator, he was known in his state as one of the most eminent lawyers and jurists. In 1876, when Tilden was nominated, he was defeated in a great measure by his uncle, William Allen, who was then governor and controlled the Ohio delegates. In 1880 Senator Payne's friends caused the Ohio delegates to be divided, and in 1884 his delegation was again divided through the influence of Governor Hoadly and others. While in the senate Thurman was the acknowledged leader of his side of the chamber, and became generally known as the "Old Roman."

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WATERING HORSES.

THE EXPERIENCE OF AN ENGLISH VETERINARIAN IN INDIA.

An English veterinarian writing to the London *Live Stock Journal* says: "Prejudice dies hard, but the hardest of all to die in the minds o grooms is that it is injurious to give af horse a drink of cold water when he is heated from exercise. Years ago, when I used to train horses for racing in India, I grappled with this prejudice, and clung to it with such tenacity that I used constantly to have horses 'off' their feed after a strong gallop. One day I returned to the messhouse very hot and very tired after a long run, and suddenly thought fit to mentally put myself in the place of a race horse. 'Shall I have,' I asked myself, 'a better appetite for breakfast if I refrain from drinking till I have cooled off or if I have a drink right off?' Knowing that I could not eat heartily unless I have first of all a drink, I took it, and thereupon felt so fit to eat, and went so strong over a course of beef-steak, ham and eggs, quail, muffins, etc., that I resolved to try the same treatment on my horses. My lead was attained with such success that nowadays all the trainers in India give their horses about half a bucket of cold water to drink immediately after a gallop, and with the best results as regards the appetites and health. I have not alone never seen, but have never heard or read of any harm to a horse from drinking cold water when he was heated. I have, however, seen hundreds of cases of colic occur in horses from drinking water after being fed on occasions when they had, previous to eating, been deprived of water for some time. Were all grooms to take my advice as to watering, I am afraid that many an honest and hard-working veterinary surgeon would find his income from colic cases seriously diminished."

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

A few months ago there appeared an article in your paper, mentioning certain changes that had taken place within the last fifty years.

Thinking that some of your younger readers might be interested in reading of some changes not mentioned in the above named article, I have concluded to point out a few of them.

Fifty years ago there was not a mile of railroad in operation within the limits of Columbia and Montour counties. The Catawissa road had been laid out and partially graded somewhat earlier than that, but it was not completed until several years later.

Fifty years ago Columbia and Montour counties constituted a single county with Danville as the county seat. Bloomsburg contained no court house, no jail and but one lawyer. It was a peaceable village at that time, and one lawyer was sufficient to keep matters straight. The population of Bloomsburg at that time was not much if any over six hundred. I find by statistics that Bloom township which then included the present limits of Scott township with the village of Espytown and Light Street polled less than four hundred votes on the question of removing the court house to Bloomsburg. The probability is that a pretty full vote was polled.

The streets of Bloomsburg were not named nor numbered as at present. The different portions of the town were locally known as Bloomsburg, Morgantown and Smoketown. The whole was by some of the older residents of the county (who did not take kindly to modern innovations) called Oyertown.

Scott town did not then have an existence save the site upon which to build. It was just forty-nine years ago this last summer, that I helped to haul stone for the foundation of the house that was afterward built by Dr. Scott, which gave the name to that portion of the town. The same summer the court house was being built, and as the citizens were getting a little proud of their town, they straightened Main street from the brow of the hill down through Scott-town. It had formerly circled in toward the creek, I presume to secure an easier grade.

John K. Grotz and William Neal were men doing business in the town of Bloomsburg, when I first knew the place, which is somewhat over fifty years. Just how much I do not care to state, as it might lead some of your readers, to suppose, that I am getting old. If there are any others still living who were doing business at that time I am not aware of it.

About the bears and deer that lurked about the wilds of Bloomsburg fifty years ago all that I have to say is, I did not see them. Being a pretty good boy and not prowling around o'nights may account for my not seeing them.

I shall now leave Bloomsburg and move up the creek.

Light Street comes next in order. It was formerly two hamlets known as Sidel town and Light Street. By not crowding their buildings too closely, they have succeeded in getting the two pretty well consolidated, and one name has been dispensed with.

Light Street has the advantage of most towns in our county, from the fact that it seems to be pretty nearly finished.

When I get to Orangeville I am pretty nearly home. It has increased both in quality and quantity within the last fifty years.

Fifty years ago it contained two stores, two churches, four hotels and one stillhouse. Whisky seems to have been the most prominent industry. The improvements in quality consist in the demolishing of the stillhouse, the reduction of the number of hotels, the increase of churches and the respectable schoolhouse which has taken the place of the dilapidated one of former years.

The number of dwelling houses has greatly increased, and their appearance betokens thrift and enterprise. The diminution of the whisky traffic and the adoption of useful industries has greatly helped to produce those happy results.

The change in some other localities has been as great as those mentioned, but they have not been so directly within the scope of my observation.

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Many of our exchanges are strongly in favor of a curfew bell at 9 o'clock in the evening to hustle the kids off the street. When we were kids our mothers used a piece of barrel stave for a curfew, which brought us in quicker than any bell would have done, and if mothers would use these same persuaders there would be no need to ring bells.—*Painted Post Monitor.*

BOSTON DEMOCRATIC.

Josiah Quincy, ex-Assistant Secretary of State, Elected Mayor.

Josiah Quincy, Democrat, was elected mayor of Boston by 4,376 plurality. Out of a registration of 91,000 over 75 000 voted.

The Democrats swept everything, electing seven aldermen, a street commissioner and a school board.

It is the first time in years that Boston has seen a Democratic school board.

The council is overwhelmingly Democratic, and the jubilation around the street beggars description.

Mr. Quincy may have sported a "poker face" for some time past, but now he wears a smile broad enough for a foot ball goal.

The Republicans are in the dumps. The leaders are cursing Rev. Boyd Brady, who in a sermon on Sunday called upon all believers in "Reform" to vote for Curtis, supplementing his plea for votes with the announcement that the A. P. A. organization was with Curtis hand and glove. Brady is called Curtis' Burchard.

But men of sound political judgment, while admitting that Brady may have made a few Democratic votes, say that Quincy would have won out, Brady or no Brady.

The Hebrews stuck to Quincy throughout the city, so did the Germans.

"No license" received a tremendous setback. Mayor elect Quincy's term will be for two years.

The present mayor of Boston, Mr. Curtis, is a Republican.

This was the first election under Boston's new city charter, which was secured largely through the exertions of Mayor Curtis, and the mayor elected on Tuesday, and those chosen hereafter will hold the office for two years instead of one.

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		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Sund'y
Scranton & Hyde Park	.....	‡ 9 28	‡ 9 28	‡ 2 38	‡ 6 10	‡ 5 40	
Pittston " "	.....	10 00	10 00	3 00	5 59		
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Wilkesbarre	lv	‡ 7 25	10 15	‡ 3 17	‡ 6 10		4 40
Plym'th Ferry	"	‡ 7 30	10 2	‡ 3 22	‡ 6 0	‡	4 46
Nanticoke	"	7 40	10 3	3 29	6 14		5 00
Mocanaqua	"	8 01	10 5	3 47	6 35		5 21
Wapwallopen	"	8 11		3 57	6 4		5 34
Nescopeck	ar	8 18	11 1	4 18	6 59		5 4.
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		
Pottsville	lv	‡ 6 00	‡ 9 05	‡ 1 50	.....		.....
Hazleton	"	7 10	11 05	3 04	.....		.....
Tomhicken	"	7 20	11 25	3 22	.....		.....
Fern Glen	"	7 38	11 34	3 38	.....		.....
Rock Glen	"	7 44	11 40	‡ 3 39	.....		.....
Nescopeck	ar	8 04	.....	4 08	.....		.....
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.			P. M.
Nescopeck	lv	‡ 8 28	11 11	‡ 4 0	.....		5 44
Creasy	"	8 38	Via	4 17	.....		5 53
Espy Ferry	"	‡ 8 43	Rock	‡ 4 27	.....		‡ 6 04
E. Bloomsburg	"	8 47	Glen	4 32	.....		6 08
				P. M.			
Catawissa	ar	8 58	12 18	4 38	.....		6 14
Catawissa	lv	8 55	11 18	4 38	.....		6 19
Riverside	"	9 11	12 37	4 57	.....		6 32
Sunbury	"	9 35	1 00	5 20	.....		7 06
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.			P. M.
Sunbury	lv	‡ 9 58	‡ 1 35	‡ 5 40	.....		‡ 9 22
Lewisburg	ar	10 29	2 08	6 15	.....		.....
Milton	"	10 34	2 08	6 16	.....		9 32
Williamsport	"	11 15	3 00	7 00	.....		10 40
Lock Haven	"	12 00	4 10	8 00	.....		.....
Renovo	"	P. M.	5 15	9 00	.....		.....
Kane	"	.....	9 15	.....	.....		.....
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.			P. M.
Sunbury	lv	‡ 9 48	‡ 1 50	‡ 5 51	.....		‡ 8 1.
Harrisburg	ar	11 30	3 20	7 10	.....		10 00
			P. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.
Philadelphia	ar	‡ 3 00	‡ 6 18	11 1	.....		‡ 4 30
Baltimore	"	‡ 3 10	6 25	10 40	.....		6 20
Washington	"	‡ 4 3	7 30	.....	.....		7 40
		A. M.	P. M.				
Sunbury	lv	10 05	2 25	.....	.....		.....
Lewistown Jc	ar	12 05	4 25	.....	.....		.....
Pittsburg	"	8 10	11 30	.....	.....		.....
			P. M.	P. M.			P. M.
Harrisburg	lv	.....	3 50	7 30	.....		11
				A. M.			P. M.
Pittsburg	ar	.....	11 30	2 00	.....		7 15

‡ Daily, except Sunday. Daily. f Flag station.

							Sund'y
		P. M.	P. M.			A. M.	P. M.
Pittsburg	lv	‡ 7 0	‡ 8 10	.....		‡ 8 00	‡ 8 10
Harrisburg	ar	A. M. ‡ 2 10	A. M. ‡ 3 30	.....		A. M. ‡ 3 16	A. M. ‡ 3 30
			A. M.			A. M.	
Pittsburg	lv	.....	.....	.....		‡ 8 00	.....
Lewistown Jc.	"	.....	‡ 7 3	.....		P. M. ‡ 3 00	.....
Sunbury	ar	.....	‡ 9 18	.....		‡ 5 00	.....
		P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	A. M.
Washington	lv	10 40	.....	.....		11 50	.....
Baltimore	"	11 50	4 45	.....		11 40	4 45
Philadelphia	"	11 20	4 30	.....		12 28	4 30
		A. M.	A. M.			P. M.	A. M.
Harrisburg	lv	3 30	8 15	.....		‡ 3 55	8 15
Sunbury	ar	5 08	9 56	.....		‡ 5 35	9 56
		P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	P. M.
Erie	lv	3 05	.....	.....		.....	3 25
Kane	"	7 05	.....	.....		‡ 6 20	7 05
Renova	"	10 55	.....	.....		10 25	10 25
Lock Haven	"	11 25	‡ 7 15	.....		11 20	11 25
		A. M.				P. M.	A. M.
Williamsport	"	3 25	8 15	.....		4 00	3 25
Milton	"	4 12	9 10	.....		4 56	4 12
Lewisburg	"	.....	9 00	.....		4 47	.....
Sunbury	ar	4 36	9 38	.....		5 25	4 36
		A. M.				P. M.	A. M.
Sunbury	lv	‡ 5 20	10 00	.....		‡ 5 45	10 00
Riverside	"	5 45	10 22	.....		6 07	10 20
Catawissa	"	6 08	10 40	.....		6 26	10 42
E. Bloomsburg	"	Via	10 45	.....		6 33	10 48
Espy Ferry	"	Rock	‡ 0 52	.....		‡ 6 38	10 52
Creasy	"	Glen	11 01	.....		6 48	11 01
Nescopeck	ar	8 04	11 11	.....		6 58	11 11
		A. M.	A. M.			P. M.	
Nescopeck	lv	.....	11 11	.....		‡ 6 58	.....
Rock Glen	ar	‡ 6 55	11 37	.....		7 22	.....
Fern Glen	"	6 59	11 43	.....		7 27	.....
Tomhicken	"	7 10	11 54	.....		7 34	.....
			P. M.				
Hazleton	"	7 34	12 15	.....		7 56	.....
Pottsville	"	8 45	1 25	.....		9 05	.....
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	A. M.
Nescopeck	lv	‡ 8 04	‡ 11 11	‡ 1 08	‡ 6 58	‡ 11 11	
Wapwallopen	ar	8 16	11 22	4 20	7 10	11 22	
Mocanaqua	"	8 26	11 32	4 32	7 22	11 32	
Nanticoke	"	8 46	11 54	4 52	7 44	11 54	
			P. M.			P. M.	
Plym'th Ferry	"	8 54	12 02	5 01	7 53	12 02	
Wilkesbarre	"	9 00	12 10	5 10	8 00	12 10	
		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.		
Pittston (L & E)	ar	‡ 9 3.	‡ 12 49	‡ 5 41	‡ 8 32		
Scranton " "		10 05	1 26	6 08	9 03		

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BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

STATIONS.	EAST. A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 03	5 50
Cameron	6 40	.....	.....	6 03
Chulasky	.....	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 53	2 12	10 26	6 13
Catawissa	7 10	2 26	10 39	6 28
Rupert	7 17	2 31	10 44	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 25	2 36	10 49	6 39
Espy	7 33	2 43	....	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 40	2 50	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 44	2 54	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 48	.....	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 58	3 04	11 12	7 06
Beach Haven	8 14	3 10	11 18	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 10	3 17	.....	7 19
Shickshinny	8 20	3 29	11 33	7 35
Hunlock's	8 30	3 39	.....	7 47
Nanticoke	8 37	3 45	11 49	7 54
Avondale	8 41	3 51	.....	7 58
Plymouth	8 45	3 56	11 56	8 02
Plymouth Junction	8 49	4 00	.....	8 07
Kingston	8 54	4 05	12 05	8 12
Bennett	8 58	4 08	.....	8 16
Forty Fort	9 00	4 11	.....	8 19
Wyoming	9 05	4 17	12 16	8 25
West Pittston	9 10	4 22	.....	8 30
Susquehanna Ave	9 14	4 25	12 23	8 33
Pittston	9 17	4 30	12 26	8 39
Duryea	9 20	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 24	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	9 32	4 45	12 40	8 57
Bellevue	9 37	4 50	.....	9 02
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 48	9 07
STATIONS.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	WEST.			
SCRANTON	6 00	9 55	1 30	6 07
Bellevue	6 05	.....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 10	10 04	1 40	6 17
Lackawanna	6 15	10 11	1 48	6 24
Duryea	6 22	10 14	1 51	6 28
Pittston	6 28	10 18	1 56	6 32
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 21	2 00	6 35
West Pittston	6 35	10 24	2 03	6 38
Wyoming	6 40	10 29	2 08	6 43
Forty Fort	6 45	.....	.....	.....
Bennett	6 48	10 36	2 16	6 10
Kingston	6 54	10 39	2 22	6 5
Plymouth Junction	6 59	10 41	2 27	.....
Plymouth	7 04	10 47	2 32	7 02
Avondale	7 09	.....	2 38	7 07
Nanticoke	7 14	10 54	2 43	7 12
Hunlock's	7 20	11 00	2 50	7 19
Shickshinny	7 31	11 10	3 01	7 35
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 23	3 17	7 47
Beach Haven	7 49	11 32	3 25	7 55
Berwick	7 58	11 40	3 35	8 05
Briarcreek	8 06	.....	3 40	.....
Willow Grove	8 10	11 50	3 44	8 1.
Lime Ridge	8 14	11 56	3 50	8 2
Espy	8 21	12 04	3 58	8 2
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 12	4 05	8 30
Rupert	8 34	12 18	4 12	8 36
Catawissa	8 40	12 23	4 18	8 41
Danville	8 55	12 37	4 38	8 5.
Chulasky	.....	.....	4 46	.....
Cameron	9 05	12 46	4 51	9 1.
NORTHUMBERLAND	9 20	1 00	5 05	9 25
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

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CHRISTMAS.

Again the season is at hand when the world is reminded of the birth of a Savior who is Christ, the Lord. It is a joyous time especially for the little folks who believe in Santa Claus, and who hang up their stockings in the full faith that the good old saint comes down the chimney and fills them with sugar plums and toys. Kris Kringle is a good spirit who comes to the world once a year and brings joy to the hearts of all civilized nations. His visit is typical of the coming of the Savior who brought with him "Peace on earth, good will towards men." The giving of presents is in commemoration of the visit of the wise men of old who saw the star in the skies and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the infant Christ.

While there is universal rejoicing at the redemption of the world by the birth of Jesus, there are many homes among us that are darkened by a cloud of sorrow in spite of this glad season. A family tie is broken; there is a vacant chair at the Christmas table; a loved one who greeted us last year at this time, has been called away, never again to meet us around the family hearth. In one home a child has been taken, in another a parent, a husband or a wife, and to those who have the consolation of religion, it is a blessed thought that redemption has come to the departed through the blood of him who was born at this time in Bethlehem of Judea.

As we expect to eat our Christmas turkey and plum pudding, let us not forget that many are not blessed with this world's goods, and that our Christmas will be all the happier if we can feel that we have made others happy also. Give to the poor. See that they are supplied with a good dinner, and as many other things as you can afford to give. "He that hath little should give little, and he that hath plenty should give plenteously," and then the usual salutation of "Merry Christmas" will not be a mere empty form.

The strength of the Republican party is now and always has been because they have leaders, bosses if you please, and the rank and file follow and obey them, and stand by them, through thick and thin. A political party cannot retain its supremacy without leaders any more than an army can be victorious without generals.

The weakness of the Democratic party to-day lies in the fact that as soon as men of ability have risen to the position of leaders, they are denounced within the party by those jealous of their ascendency, and thus their influence is weakened, if not destroyed, and factional strife and personal enmity are engendered, resulting in party disruption and defeat.

The Democratic party is not dead, and never will die, but it needs reorganization upon new lines. There must be a few generals, more captains and lieutenants, and a vast army of privates; and the latter must recognize and sustain their leaders. As long as every private wants to be a general, there will be no better state of things than we have now.

THE TRAMP QUESTION.

The question, what to do with the large number of weary Willies who nightly importune the police for shelter is becoming a serious one, and about baffles the ingenuity of the Town officials. It has been the custom to give them quarters in the station house during the night, but they are coming in such numbers, that the place has become too small for their accommodation. Sunday night lodging was given to twelve and they were turned loose on the streets Monday morning to annoy and trouble our citizens. To commit them to jail as vagrants does not meet the case, as there the County would be obliged to feed them. Just what to do to prevent this is a problem that up to this time remains unsolved. How would it do to put them to work breaking stone for the streets? It has been said to have worked beneficially in other places.

The Board of Pardons has refused to recommend a pardon for John Bardsley, the ex-city treasurer of Philadelphia, who is now serving a term of fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The Sullivan—Wyoming judicial contest cost $10,000.

A DO-NOTHING POLICY.

Thos. B. Reed in his inaugural speech as Speaker of the House, intimated that the Republican majority in the lower branch of Congress will make no effort during the present session, to pass laws that might replenish the treasury of the government, or relieve the stringency that exists in the business world. In other words, they will not attempt to make laws for the benefit of the people, for fear that business might revive during the incumbency of a Democratic President. And the flimsy excuse given for this unpatriotic and unstatesmanlike attitude, is that it would do no good to pass such bills, as the President would veto them anyway. The same excuse that the boy gave for not washing his face: it would get dirty again. The motive of this do-nothing policy is the desire to keep the country in a state of business stagnation as much as possible, in the hope that in the Presidential election of next year the people will vote for the Republican electors, and thus produce a change of administration and put every branch of the government in the hands of the Republican party. Now as ever, they put party ahead of duty, and are willing to sacrifice the public good to gain a political point.

But we take it that the people are in no mood to be trifled with. They have been told for the past two years, by every Republican newspaper and stump speaker in the land, that the Democratic party is responsible for whatever stagnation in business the country has suffered, and that the law of supply and demand is a matter that can be regulated by legislation. If it be true that a political party can make business slack, it must be equally true that a political party can bring prosperity. The Republican majority in the House is over one hundred, and they can pass any law they see fit in that branch If it be true that they possess all the brains of the country, now is a good time for them to exercise that portion of their anatomy, and show the people what they can do as prosperity makers. The fear of the President's veto or the non-concurrence of the Senate will not excuse their inaction. The treasury needs money and the people want prosperity. Let us see what a Republican House of Representatives can do toward relief.

THE READING'S REORGANIZATION.

The Olcott-Earle plan of reorganization of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and the Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron Company, which was issued last Monday proposes the following:

"The protection of the present general mortgage, the reduction of the fixed charges to a limit safely within the net earning capacity of the reorganized properties; adequate provision of cash working capital for future requirements; the payment of the floating debt, and provisions for the existing car trust obligations; such control of the reorganized system until the earnings of the properties shall have placed them in a satisfactory financial position, as shall render additionally secure the new general mortgage,"

Having these objects in view a plan has been prepared with the co operation of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., and the committee has selected J. P. Morgan & Co, of New York; Drexel & Co., of Philadelphia, and J. S. Morgan & Co, of London, as managers.

Unless the acceptance of the plan shall be so general as in the opinion of the managers to obviate the necessity of foreclosure, the properties of the existing Reading companies will be sold and successor companies will be organized under the laws of Pennsylvania; and the stocks and securities of these successor companies will be vested in a new company, formed or to be formed under the laws of Pennsylvania or of some other State. In the plan, it is stated, there is no serious difficulty in the way of a reorganization by foreclosure, and the plan has been prepared on the assumption that foreclosure will probably be necessary.

Chairman W. F. Harrity has issued a call for a meeting of the Democratic National Committee, to be held at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C., on Thursday, January 16th, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of fixing the time and place for the meeting of the Democratic National Convention of 1896, and for the transaction of other business.

History in Eight Words.

When so moving a tale as the following can be told in eight words, there can be no reason for being prolix.

Mary Ann,
Kitchen fire;
Kerosene can,
Golden lyre.

If you take a county paper, you want the best one for the news. The COLUMBIAN fills the bill in every particular, and you should include it among the papers you take for 1896.

Mr. Hainer, member of Congress from Nebraska, proposes to pension prisoners of war.

SEED TIME AND HARVEST.

Youth is the seed time and manhood the harvest of life. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." This proverb applies to the natural seed time and harvest equally as well as it does to the moral and spiritual seed time and harvest. Now is the seed time for the whole juvenile world. They have ample opportunity to sow bountifully, for their harvest will come by and by—yes, before they are ready for it. Whatever they sow, that shall they after a while, reap. If they sow idleness and vanity, they shall reap poverty and disappointment. If they sow light literature, novels and fiction, they shall reap a bountiful harvest of vain imaginations. If they sow prevarication and deception, they shall reap falsehood and shame. If they sow vice and malicious mischief, they shall reap the whole catalogue of crimes. If they sow truth, honesty, fame and knowledge with all the means in their power, they shall reap all the honors that the world can bestow, which includes contentment, happiness and prosperity. Nothing can be truer than the proverb: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." J.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

The vested choir of St. Paul's Church is rehearsing some fine music for Christmas. The program includes the following:

Te Deum.....*A. W. Marchant.*
Jubilate.....*J. W. Elliot.*
Anthem, Blessed be the Lord God,.....*Williams.*
Kyrie Eleison.....*Gounod.*
Gloria Tibi.....*Pearce.*
Sanctus.....*Vincent*
Gloria in Excelsis.....*Tours.*

The anthem is a beautiful selection, and of a high order of music. A full choir of twenty four voices is expected to participate. Services will be held at 10:30 a. m. on Christmas morning. All are welcome.

We are sorry to announce the serious illness of Rush Zarr, Esq. He was seized with appendicitis and it was thought at one time that an operation would be necessary. At the present writing he is somewhat improved, but not able to leave his room. His many friends hope that his recovery may be speedy and permanent.

Always at this time of year Clark & Son's store is a pretty place and a busy place. Their advertisement on page 5 gives a few hints at their innumerable lines of goods. You have been there, of course, but if not, you will not complete your Christmas purchases without a visit to their extensive store.

There is no occasion to send away from home for fine candies, when you can get them just as good, and very cheap, right here at home. Stop in at I. G. Deitrick's, and you will find all kinds, and at any price you want. He also has nuts and fruit of all kinds.

Among the many beautiful windows this week, that of Hess Bros. jewelers, displays extra ordinary taste in its arrangement, and the costly goods exhibited, is but an index to the enormous stock they have provided for the Holiday trade. The center of attraction is a farm scene. A modern farm house is shown with a beautiful lawn surrounding it, in which a fountain is in full operation. At the bank barn there is a pump from which water is flowing. One of the employees of the farm is sawing wood, whilst another is working at a grind stone. These are all kept in motion by an electric battery. At one of the windows the owner of the premises is surveying his possessions and at another the wife is gazing at the fashions. The barn yard is filled with domestic animals and the whole is a scene of contentment. In addition to this the window contains Gold jewelry, diamonds, and sterling silverware. The other window is filled with hand some manicure sets and other novelties.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY MEET.

The Columbia County Medical Society, had its regular meeting at the Susquehanna Hotel, Catawissa, last Tuesday afternoon. There was a large attendance and a great deal of interest manifested. Dr. Brown of Bloomsburg, read a paper on the dangers resulting from malpractice, Dr. Bruner, of the same place, one on abortion,—its causes and treatment, and one was read by Dr. Kline of Catawissa on Hypnotism. The next meeting will be held at the Exchange hotel, Bloomshurg, on the third Tuesday in February.

Holiday Excursion Tickets via Reading Railroad.

Christmas Week is the great time for a general home gathering of all the family. The Reading Railroad, to accommodate its patrons, and also to stimulate travel during the Holidays offers special inducements in the way of fares over its lines.

Between all points on its lines (except between Philadelphia and Trenton proper) Special Excursion Tickets will be sold December 21st to 25th inclusive, December 31st and January 1st, 1896. All good to return until and including January 7th 1896. The minimum rates for these Special Tickets will be 25 cents for adults and 13 cents for children.

For information as to rates and arrangements with connecting railroads, consult Reading Railroad Ticket Agents.

The water situation in Shamokin is now more serious than it has been for several months. There has been no reserve in the Brush Valley Water Company's dam since September, and the present cold snap has frozen up the springs in such a manner that little or no water comes therefrom. The collieries have been notified that they can no longer be supplied, and have again commenced to purify sulphur water.

Excellent Skating.

Seldom has the ice been so hard and smooth for skating, and every afternoon after school, can be seen a lot of red cheeked boys, and pretty girls with their skates over their arm, wending their way to the race, creek or canal, to indulge in this excellent recreation.

Jacob Boice, who has been attending the Mayville College, at Mayville, Tenn., has, on account of sickness, been obliged to suspend his studies. He will act as colporteur for the Chicago bible society in this section of the State. He is a worthy young man, and will render the society valuable service.

W. H. Gilmore, always takes advantage of the first opportunity for filling his ice house. He is getting it off the Iron Dale race. It is as clear as a crystal and seven inches thick. "Gilly" never gets left.

Thomas Ferguson, who will be remembered by many of our readers as working for his brother W. G. during the past summer is now working on a railroad contract in Canada. When that is completed, he will engage in similar work in Central America.

For a Shave or Hair Cut.

For a good and quick shave or hair cut, go to James Reilly's tonsorial room in Exchange Block, first floor, next to Express Office. None but experienced workmen employed.

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The Episcopal Sunday School will hold its Christmas festival on Thursday evening, the 26th inst.

When we inserted the notice last week that the Bloomsburg Cycle works had been sold to J. F. Wright we had been so informed by Mr. Mears. Mr. Wright however failed to comply with the terms of sale, and it was sold to S. E. Reynolds.

DON'T WEAR A TRUSS.....

....all your life. It is annoying, and not always safe. It will not cost much to have your....

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of writs of Fi. Fa. and Vendex issued out of the Court of Common Pleas, and to me directed, there will be exposed at public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1896,

at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Jackson township, Columbia county, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit. Bounded on the north by land of Harvey Creveling, on the east by land of Samuel B. Shultz, on the south by land of James H. Shultz, and on the west by land of John B. Kile, containing

50 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, whereon are erected a

DWELLING HOUSE,

barn and out-buildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suits of Bloomsburg Agricultural and Iron Works, and to the use of John A. Funston vs. John L. Hess, and William P. Fritz vs. John L. Hess, and to be sold as the property of John L. Hess.

J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.
C. G. BARKLEY,
W. H. MAGILL,
Attys.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Columbia county.
Estate of William Miller, deceased.

The auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle and adjust the first and final account of G. H. Evert and Geo. M. Kline, administrators of William Miller, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountants, will meet the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., when and where all parties in interest must present and prove their claims or be debarred from participating in the distribution of said fund.

A. N. YOST,
12-20-4t. Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of J. M. Hulshizer, dec'd.

The undersigned, an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, on exceptions and to make distributionjof the funds in the hands of the accountants, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, on Thursday, January 9th 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

O. B. MELLICK,
12-20-4t. Auditor.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE
—OF VALUABLE—
REAL ESTATE

In pursuance of an order issued out of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned administrator of David Achenbach, late of Orange township, deceased, will expose at public sale on the premises, two miles east of Orangeville, on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 1896,

at 1 30 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Orange township, aforesaid, and described as follows: Adjoining lands of the estate of Jeremiah Hess, Daniel Montgomery and William Achenbach, containing

156 ACRES

whereon are erected a two-story

FRAME HOUSE,

32 x 36, with 14 x 16 kitchen. Large bank barn 48 x 64, with straw shed over the entire yard. Two wagon sheds, and a good orchard.

ALSO AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE a tract of land situate near the above containing EIGHT ACRES whereon are erected a TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE. Splendid spring of water and good orchard.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per centum of one-fourth of the purchase money shall be paid at the striking down of the property, and the remainder on the 1st day of April 1896, when possession will be given.

ALBERT C. ACHENBACH,
SNYDER, Atty. Administrator.

What profound emotions of gratitude should swell up in every human heart at the mention of this now well-nigh universal holiday! But it is to be feared that the vast majority of those who observe it have no true conception of its meaning. Even many of those whose idea of it is that it is a time to bestow and receive gifts do not fully comprehend what is meant by this hallowed and common custom.

Christmas not only commemorates the birth of Christ, who gave His life as a ransom for a sinful world, but typifies the ineffable gift of God, who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Paul tells us that salvation "is the gift of God," from whom, as James says, is "every good and perfect gift." Paul also declares in writing to the Ephesians that when Christ ascended upon high He "led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men."

What are some of these gifts which are thus typified and intended to be commemorated by the custom of gift-giving in Christmas-tide? "Peace on earth, good will to men," is the boon it brings to mankind as a whole.

The coming of Christ was the manifestation of God to men. There is no full revelation of God anywhere save in His incarnated Son. He is the fullness of the God-head bodily. Christ was the ideal man, called by eminence "the Son of Man." In Him we mark the fulfillment of all human capabilities. By Him is reconciliation of sinful man and an offended God. Faith in Christ crucified—the gift of infinity to man—is the secret of salvation from the consequences of sin. The gift of everlasting life is to be had for the taking.

Christmas, as a commemoration of the birth of Christ, without reference to His sacrificial atonement, would be meaningless. True, He taught grand lessons of love and duty, and of self-sacrifice for the good of others, but the sublime climax of all these teachings was His sufferings and death on the cross on account of the sins of mankind. This has been aptly called the tragedy of the world—a tragedy in which every human soul has an interest, because it provides for human wants—a balm in Gilead, a fountain for uncleanness, redemption from sin, and a joy forever.

These personal and spiritual gifts are not the only advantages that have been conferred upon mankind by the coming of Him whose birth is celebrated at Christmas. The world as a whole has had an uplift in direct ratio as the lessons of His life and death have been revealed to it. Genuine and helpful civilization waits on Christianity.

The sign of the triple cross is not, as Ingersoll in his book makes it, the emblem of superstition, hate and cruelty, which he transposes to telegraph poles labeled "for the use of man," but the cross, typifying Christianity, ever precedes enlightenment, invention and all that tends to human progress and human happiness. The later cartoon, representing the Christian church as a woman carrying the cross and the bright light of Christian truth, and thus penetrating the dark recesses of ignorance, tyranny and superstition, which are dispelled before her, while the emblems of civilization, the railroad train, the telegraph, the church, the schoolhouse and the busy city follow her; this cartoon, I say, tells a truthful story of human progress. The most progressive, most enlightened, intelligent and strongest nations of to-day, with the most of happiness among their people, are the Christian nations. Mr. Gladstone, the greatest statesman of this or any other age, lately said: "Talk about the questions of the day; there is but one question, and that is the gospel. It can and will correct everything needing correction. All men at the head of great movements are Christian men. During the many years I was in the cabinet I was brought into association with 60 master minds, and all but five of them were Christians. My only hope for the world is in bringing the human mind into contact with divine revelation." How important, then, is it that in commemorating Christmas we should have a true conception of what it means!

THE GOBBLER'S INNING.

"Help, pop! Old Crissmus dinner's a-gobblin' me!"—Judge.

Something for the Boy.

Office Boy—Are you going to give me anything for Christmas?

Boss—O, yes; a few errands to do.—Detroit Free Press.

XMAS PRESENTS

SUITS AND OVERCOATS
—FOR—
MEN and BOYS
at prices that mean much to those who are economical.

For father, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin, or sweet-heart Buy something useful—something that will be appreciated. Gloves, umbrellas, fine neckwear, silk or linen handkerchiefs, with or without initial. Fine silk mufflers, night robes, large children's bows, smoking jackets, bath robes, Mackintoshes and many other interesting Xmas gifts at prices that move them quickly. Make selections before it is too late. Goods purchased now can be laid away until wanted.

J. M. GIDDING & CO.

Gifts for Christmas.

Our lines of goods suitable for Gifts are full and complete, both in useful and fancy articles; but not at fancy prices, to which we invite all to roam through the store and see. If you should not see what you are looking for, ask for it; we may have it, as we cannot display all the goods we have.

FRAMED PICTURES. The most complete line of these goods shown in the market at the lowest prices. See the big pictures at 95c. Our $2.00 pictures surprise. All beauties.

TABLE LINENS.

H. J. Clark & Son —FOR— HOLIDAY GOODS. } The finest line of table linens, towels, napkins and counterpanes we have ever shown for useful gifts. { H. J. Clark & Son —FOR— Christmas Goods.

DRESS PATTERNS make useful and always acceptable gifts. We have a line of these goods for little money. See the patterns at $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $5.00, $8.00, $10.00.

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CUT GLASS. A line second to none in price and quality. See it.
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A full line of Gentlemen's Night Robes and Hosiery.
COATS at greatly reduced prices.
SKIRTS make useful gifts. Our line is complete. Try those 5 gore "Merritt" lustre wool skirts. Can be worn as outside or under skirt.
KID GLOVES are always acceptable gifts, and we have all the latest in kid gloves. New lines. See the $1 00 glove.
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200 empty pocket books for sale for Christmas gifts.
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Wood easles, screens, tables, stools, &c., for useful gifts.

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HESS BROS.,
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BLOOMSBURG, PA.,

will save you something on every purchase. Come and see that Holiday bargains do exist and that we give them. Our store is full of big hearted bargains at big hearted prices.

Buyers are wanted to move this large stock, and no inducements will be left unmade to sell the goods. You want the best, this is your chance. You can't help being pleased, so come in at once. Plenty of good goods at low prices.

No End to the Great Reduction Sales at the

D. Lowenberg Clothing Store,

as long as our Enormous Stock of Winter Clothing lasts.

Still selling those knee pants,
Still selling those children's waists,
Still selling those men's working shirts,
Still selling those men's mittens, } at 15c.
Still selling those men's heavy working pants at 49c.
Still selling those heavy pull down and plush caps at 25 and 50c., etc.
Still selling those men's fine woolen pants at $1.75 to $2.00.
Still selling those elegant Rochester overcoats at $5 00, $6.50 and $10.00.
Still selling those long warm storm coats, at $5.00, $7.50 and $10.00.
Still selling those children's suits at $1.75.

HOLIDAY GOODS AT LOW PRICES.

White silk handkerchiefs at 19c.
Elegant neckwear at 25 and 50c.
Elegant gloves at 50c. to $1.00.

Low prices in these hard times is what the people want, and these prices will last all the winter long at

The D. Lowenberg
Clothing Store.

Solid silver watch given away on New Year's day. Every dollar purchaser receives a chance on same.

CANDY, CHRISTMAS CANDY

Seldom have the people of Bloomsburg and vicinity had the opportunity of selecting their candy from as fine an assortment as I now show, which was purchased with the object to please our customers in quality and price. A few of our prices will be convincing:

Fine French mixture, 5 lbs. for one dollar.
Fine chocolates, 25c. lb. (always 40c.)
Best mixtures, 30c. lb.
We also have mixtures for 10c. and 15c. lb.
Butter cups, 20c. lb.
Call before purchasing; it will be to your interest.

I. G. DEITRICK,
Market Square

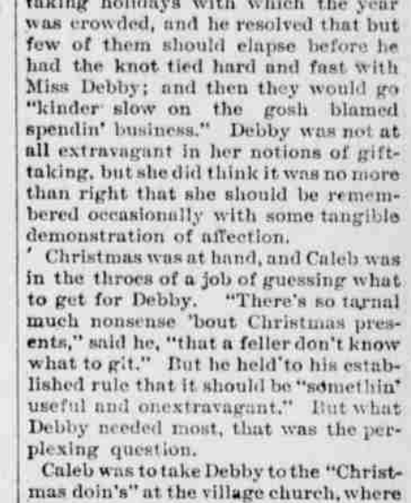
Caleb Crimmins was as sweet on Debby Dander as a bumble bee on honeysuckles. That was a well understood fact among the young folks of Bradbury, a back-country village of the middle west; and although Caleb had the reputation of being very "near" he was known in a number of instances to have "opened his heart" and his purse—slightly—in demonstration of that fact. And when Cale Crimmins "went down into his jeans" (in the mellow flow of the village tongue waggers) it meant that return might be expected on the board in short order. That is to say, "folks was expectin' of a invite to the weddin' 'fore long."

It pained Caleb intensely when he thought of the rapid succession of birthdays, Christmases and money-taking holidays with which the year was crowded, and he resolved that but few of them should elapse before he had the knot tied hard and fast with Miss Debby; and then they would go "kinder slow on the gosh blamed spendin' business." Debby was not at all extravagant in her notions of gift-taking, but she did think it was no more than right that she should be remembered occasionally with some tangible demonstration of affection.

Christmas was at hand, and Caleb was in the throes of a job of guessing what to get for Debby. "There's so tarnal much nonsense 'bout Christmas presents," said he, "that a feller don't know what to git." But he held to his established rule that it should be "somethin' useful and onextravagant." But what Debby needed most, that was the perplexing question.

Caleb was to take Debby to the "Christmas doin's" at the village church, where there was to be a tree for the young folks, and he thought it would be the proper caper to hang his present on the tree with the others, and have it handed out publicly, to show that he was up and doing with the rest of them. And so it came to pass that among the good things hanging on the tree was a sealed envelope marked, "Merry Christmas to Deborah Dander, from Mr. Caleb Crimmins." This the minister, who officiated as distributor, took down, and, with some sly remarks on its supposed contents, called upon the young lady to come forward and receive it.

As Debby passed up the aisle she was accosted on either side by her young friends, who eagerly inquired: "What



MISS DEBBY RECEIVING HER PRESENT.

is it, Debby? Open it and let us see!" With burning cheeks she took the mysterious envelope and returned to her seat beside the smiling donor, who advised her to open it. This she did and found within nothing but a slip of paper with some writing on it. She read the words, and blushing still more deeply crumpled the paper in her hand; then turning to Caleb in an agitated manner, she said:

"Mr. Crimmins, we will go home, right off."

Caleb forthwith conducted Debby to her home, where she bade him a frigid "good night, Mr. Crimmins," and left him to sneak off to his own abode, with a sort of "wish I hadn't" feeling rankling in his system.

The match was broken off short then and there, and it was some time before the why and wherefore were known to the wondering friends of both. When the secret did leak out a broad grin overspread the face of all Bradbury, and no wonder. Caleb's Christmas present to Debby was an order on the village dentist for "four dollars' worth of pullin' and fillin'."

A TIP TO SANTA CLAUS.

Jimmy—There, now, dat looks bully; I hope he'll take de hint an' put some new stockings dere fore he does anything else.—N. Y. World.

THE MINE AT CALUMET.

Excoos! Be you the dominee
That folks calls Parson Boone?
Wal—Jane an' me hes called to see
Ef you'll ride Monday noon
To Calumet, to bury Jim—
James Baker—he is dead—
Death hit too strong a hand for him,
Es you hev often said.

"Perfess?" He didn't perfess. He hed
One simple way all through.
He merely practiced, an' he said
That that would hev to do.
"Prayed?" Never—not es I hev known—
'Cept maybe with his han's,
An' 'stead of claspin' of his own
He clasped his feller-man's.

"Under conviction?" The idee!
He never done a thing
To be convicted fer; why, he
Wus straighter than a string.
Oh, say! He was a nifty man!
Oh, he was brave an' square,
His mighty heart was bigger than
That meetin' house out there!

Eh? "Jined the church?" You don't
ketch on!
You couldn't a-knowed 'im, pard!
To them as did, now he is gone
Your questionin' sounds hard.
I told 'em up to town to-day
"Above the sexton's dirt
Let the parson say his little say;
He can't do any hurt."

"Fire in the Osceola mine!"
Jim heered the awful cry
That rose from level 29,
Es he wus passin' by;
An' down the burnin' shaft he went
To where the flames begun,
An' up the half-dead miners sent
Es fast es skips could run.

Through other drifts he searched around
An' lyin' stiffen men he found
A dozen helpless men he found
And dragged to light and air;
An' my boy, Timothy—my Tim—
He found, too weak to crawl,
An' got him in the skip—but Jim—
He didn't come up at all.

We waited for him all night long
An' watched an' h.. our breath,
A sufferin', tearful, hopeless throng,
Around that pit of death;
An' when the smoke blew out, my son
Crept down to learn his fate—
He reached him, but the worst wus done—
He found him—just too late!

He died adoin'
What he could find to do.
"Did he perfess?" Wal——
I never knowed him to.
Don't notice if my talk is broke
An' if my eyes should leak,
Tain't Tim—nor mother—but the smoke
Hes kinder made 'em weak.

What! "How about his soul?" Look 'ere
Intendin' no offence;
Your dumb-fool questions does appear
To show a lack of sense.
If I repeat 'em, like es not,
When you come moseyin' down
You'd find our place most awful hot—
They'll make you jump the town!

Don't come! Hunt other souls to save!
His neighbors at the Green
Will gather round Jim Baker's grave
An' tell the things they've seen.
Ef God don't know what's good and true
An' wants to punish him,
Why, rather'n go to Heaven with you,
I'll go to hell with Jim!

—W. A. Croffut, in New York Tribune.

MY STOWAWAY.

One night about 11 o'clock I stood at the stern of a fine Atlantic steamship which was plowing its way through the darkness toward America. I leaned on the rounded bulwark and enjoyed a smoke, as I gazed on the luminous trail the wheel was making in the quiet sea. Some one touched me on the shoulder, saying, "Beg pardon, sir;" and on straightening up I saw in the dim light a man whom at first I took to be one of the steerage passengers. I thought he wanted to get past me, for the room was rather restricted in the passage between the aft wheel-house and the stern, and I moved aside. The man looked hurriedly to one side and then the other, and, approaching, said in a whisper, "I'm starving, sir!"

"Why don't you go and get something to eat, then? Don't they give you plenty forward "

"I suppose they do, sir, but I'm a stowaway. I got on at Liverpool. What little I took with me is gone, and for two days I've had nothing."

"Come with me. I'll take you to the steward, he'll fix you all right."

"Oh, no, no, no!" he creid, trembling with excitement. "If you speak to any of the officers or crew I'm lost. I assure you, sir, I'm an honest man; I am, indeed, sir. It's the old story—nothing but starvation at home, so my only chance seemed to be to get this way to America. If I'm caught I shall get dreadful usage and will be taken back and put in jail."

"Oh, you're mistaken. The officers are all courteous gentlemen."

"Yes, to you cabin passengers they are. But to a stowaway—that's a different matter. If you can't help me, sir, please don't inform on me."

"How can I help you but by speaking to the captain or purser?"

"Get me a morsel to eat."

"Where were you hid?"

"Right here, sir, in this place," and he put his hand on the square deck edifice beside us.

This seemed to be a spare wheel-house, used if anything went wrong with the one in front. It had a door on each side, and there were windows all round it. At present it was piled full of cane, folding steamer-chairs and other odds and ends.

"I crawl in between the chairs and the wall and get under that piece of tarpaulin."

"Well, you're sure of being caught, for the first fine day all these chairs will be taken out and the deck steward can't miss you."

The man sighed as I said this and admitted the chances were much against him. Then, starting up, he cried:

"Poverty is the great crime. If I had stolen some one else's money I would have been able to take cabin passage instead of——"

"If you weren't caught."

"Well, if I were caught, what then? I would be well fed and taken care of."

"Oh, they'd take care of you!"

"The waste food in this great ship would feed a hundred hungry wretches like me! Does my presence keep the steamer back a moment of time? No. Well, who is harmed by my trying to better myself in the new world? No one. I am begging for a crust from the lavish plenty, all because I am struggling to be honest. It is only when I become a thief that I am out of danger of starvation—caught or free."

"There, there; now, don't speak so loud or you'll have some one here. You hang round and I'll bring you some provender. What would you like to have Poached eggs on toast, roast turkey, or——"

The wretch sank down at my feet as I said this, and recognizing the cruelty of it, I hurried down into the saloon and hunted up a steward who had not yet turned in.

"Steward," I said, "can you get me a few sandwiches or anything to eat at this late heur?"

"Yessir; certainly, sir; beef or 'am, sir?"

"Both, and a cup of coffee, please."

"Well, sir, I'm afraid there's no coffee, sir; but I could make you a pot of tea in a moment, sir."

"All right, and bring them to my room, please?"

"Yessir."

In a very short time there was that faint steward rap at the stateroom door, and a most appetizing tray-load was respectfully placed at my service.

When the waiter had gone I hurried up the companionway with much the air of a man who is stealing fowls, and I found my stowaway just in the position I had left him.

"Now, pitch in," I said. "I'll stand guard forward here, and if you hear me cough, strike for cover. I'll explain the tray matter if it's found."

He simply said "Thank you, sir," and I went forward. When I came back the tray had been swept clean and the teapot emptied. My stowaway was making for his den when I said:

"How about to-morrow?"

He answered:

"This'll do me for a couple of days."

"Nonsense! I'll have a square meal for you here in this wheelbarrow, so that you can get at it without trouble. I'll leave it about this time to-morrow night."

"You won't tell any one, any one at all, sir?"

"No. At least, I'll think over the matter, and if I see a way out I'll let you know."

"God bless you, sir."

I turned the incident over in my mind a good deal that night, and I almost made a resolution to take Cupples into my confidence. Roger Cupples, a lawyer of San Francisco, sat next me at table, and with the freedom of wild Westerners we were already well acquainted, although only a few days out. Then I thought of putting a suppositious case to the captain—he was a thorough gentleman—and if he spoke generously about the suppositious case I would spring the real one on him. The stowaway had impressed me by his language as being a man worth doing something for.

Next day I was glad to see that it was rainy. There would be no demand for ship chairs that day. I felt that real sunshiny weather would certainly unearth, or unchair, my stowaway. I met Cupples on deck, and we walked a few rounds together.

At last Cupples, who had been telling me some stories of court trials in San Francisco, said:

"Let's sit down and wrap up. This deck is too wet to walk on."

"All the seats are damp," I said.

"I'll get out my steamer chair. Steward," he cried to the deck steward, who was shoving a mop back and forth, "get me my chair. There's a tag on it, 'Berth Ninety-six.'"

"No, no," I cried hastily; "let's go into the cabin. It's raining."

"Only a drizzle. Won't hurt you at sea, you know."

By this time the deck steward was hauling down chairs trying to find No. 96, which I felt sure would be next the bottom. I could not control my anxiety as the steward got nearer and nearer the tarpaulin. At last I cried:

"Steward, never mind that chair; take the first two that come handy."

Cupples looked astonished, and as we sat down I said:

"I have something to tell you, and I trust you will say nothing about it to any one else. There's a man under those chairs."

The look that came into the lawyer's face showed that he thought me demented; but when I told him the whole story the judicial expression came on, and he said, shaking his head:

"That's bad business."

"I know it."

"Yes, but it's worse than you have any idea of. I presume that you don't know what section 4,738 of the revised statutes says?"

"No; I don't."

"Well, it is to the effect that any person or persons who wilfully or with malice aforethought, or otherwise, shall aid, abet, succor or cherish, either directly or indirectly, or by implication, any person who feloniously or secretly conceals himself on any vessel, barge, brig, schooner, bark, clipper, steamship or other craft touching at or coming within the jurisdiction of these United States, the said person's purpose being the defrauding of the revenue of, or the escaping any or all of the just legal dues exacted by such vessel, barge, et cetera, the person so aiding or abetting shall in the eye of the law be considered as accomplice before, during and after the illegal act, and shall in such case be subject to the penalties accruing thereunto, to wit., a fine of not more than $5,000, or imprisonment of not more than two years, or both, at the option of the judge before whom the party so accused is convicted."

"Great heavens! is that really so?"

"Well, it isn't word for word, but that is the purport. Of course, if I had my books here I—why, you have doubtless heard of the famous case of the Pacific Steamship Company versus Cumberland. I was retained on behalf of the company. Now, all Cumberland did was to allow the man—he was sent up for two years—to carry his valise on board, but we proved the intent. Like a fool, he boasted of it, but the steamer brought back the man, and Cumberland got off with $4,000 and costs. Never got out of that scrape less than $10,000. Then, again, the steamship Peruvian versus McNish; that is even more to the——"

"See here, Cupples. Come with me to-night and see the man. If you heard him talk you would see the inhumanity——"

"Tush. I'm not fool enough to mix up in such a matter; and look here you'll have to work it pretty slick if you get yourself out. The man will be caught as sure as fate; then knowingly, or through fright, he'll incriminate you."

"What would you do if you were in my place?"

"My dear sir, don't put it that way. It's a reflection on both my judgment and my legal knowledge. I couldn't be in such a scrape. But, as a lawyer—minus the fee—I'll tell you what you should do. You should give the man up before witnesses. I'll be one of them myself. Get as many of the cabin passengers as you like out here to-day and let the officers search. If he charges you with what the law terms support, deny it, and call attention to the fact that you have given information. By the way, I would give written information and keep a copy."

"I gave the man my word not to inform on him, and so I can't do it to-day, but I'll tell him of it to-night."

"And have him commit suicide, or give himself up first and incriminate you? Nonsense. Just release yourself from your promise. That's all. He'll trust you."

"Yes, poor wretch, I'm afraid he will."

About 10 o'clock that night I resolved to make another appeal to Roger Cupples to at least stand off and hear the man talk. Cupples's stateroom, No. 96, was in the forward part of the steamer, down a long passage and off a short side passage. Mine was aft the cabin. The door of No. 96 was partly open, and inside an astonishing sight met my gaze.

There stood my stowaway.

He was evidently admiring himself in the glass, and with a brush was touching up his face with dark paint here and there. When he put on a woe-begone look he was the stowaway; when he chuckled to himself he was Roger Cupples, Esq.

The moment the thing dawned on me I quietly withdrew and went up the forward companionway. Soon Cupples came cautiously up, and, seeing the way clear, scudded along in the darkness and hid in the aft wheel-house. I saw the whole thing now. It was a scheme to get me to make a fool of myself, some fine day, before the rest of the passengers and have a standing joke on me. I walked forward. The first officer was on duty.

"I have reason to believe," I said, "that there is a stowaway in the aft wheel-house."

Quicker than it takes me to tell it a detachment of sailors were sent aft under the guidance of the third mate. I went through the saloon and smoking room, and said to the gentlemen who were playing cards and reading:

"There's a row upstairs of some kind."

We were all on deck before the crew had surrounded the wheel-house. There was a rattle of folded steamer chairs, a pounce by the third mate, and out came the unfortunate Cupples, dragged by the collar.

"Hold on; let go. This is a mistake."

"You can't both hold on and let go," said Stalker, of Indiana.

"Come out o' this," cried the mate, jerking him forward.

With a wrench the stowaway tore himself free and made a dash for the companionway. A couple of sailors instantly tripped him up.

"Let go of me; I'm a cabin passenger," cried Cupples.

"Bless me!" I cried in astonishment. "This isn't you, Cupples? Why, I acted on your own advice and that of revised statutes, number whatever-they-were."

"Well, act on my advice again," cried the infuriated Cupples, "and go to—the hold."

However, he was in better humor the next day, and stood treat all round. We found, subsequently, that Cupples was a New York actor, and at the entertainment given for the benefit of the sailors' orphans a few nights after he recited a piece in costume that just melted the ladies. It was voted a wonderfully touching performance, and he called it "The Stowaway."—Robert Barr.

He Wouldn't Tend the Baby.

The divorce suit of Dr. Nannie A. Stevens against Ralph Stevens is thoroughly up to date. Her husband lives in Wichita, Kas., and she lived there with him and practised medicine there till two years ago, when she brought her children to Kansas City and opened an office there.

Dr. Stevens, when she lived in Kansas, was a prominent member of the Women's Federation, which works for the advancement of women along many lines which have heretofore been monopolized by men. The attendance of Dr. Stevens at the meetings of the Federation was one of the things that helped to make Mr. Stevens irritable, and caused him to scold her and tell her that a mother ought to leave women's rights alone and look after her babies.

On the witness stand Dr. Stevens said her husband called her a "she doctor" in a tone of voice that implied contempt. When she was consulting with another doctor down stairs once he would not put the baby to sleep. He also told her he was not going to "feed her if she did not attend to her household duties." She said her husband had two farms and money at interest, but she would rather be in purgatory than live with him. The case is still on.—Chicago Record.

Quadrupeds in Battle.

Bovine and equine fought a battle royal in a vacant lot on Sandford street recently. The cow will live, but the horse had to be killed to put him out of his misery. Robert Harrison, of No. 278 Elmwood avenue, owned the horse; the cow is the property of Peter Reck, a neighbor.

The animals were browsing in the lot when the horse seized the cow by the ear, then wheeled and kicked as fast as possible, but its bovine enemy eluded most of the blows, while the sharp horns of the cow inflicted deep gashes in the horse's breast and stomach.

A number of pedestrians stopped to witness the unusual duel, but no one had the courage to take an active part in checking the fight until an iceman, who had driven up to the spot, knocked the horse in the head with his ax.—East Orange (N. J.) Press.

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"Mr. Higgintop——"

"I know what you are about to say—I am taking a liberty not warranted by our short acquaintance, and all that sort of thing. But I am not. I have been in this car nearly a quarter of an hour, Miss Jarvis, waiting for a good excuse to come and take this seat, and when I saw that loose-jointed old Algerine with the blue-black whiskers and the molasses-colored suit of clothes that got on at the last station making for this seat, I felt it to be a duty to forestall him. Will you oblige me by taking a look at those whiskers, Miss Jarvis?"

"I see them, Mr. Higgintop."

"Well, that's why I popped down here so suddenly. I am not vain, Miss Jarvis, but I took it for granted—"

"Yes, you seem to have taken it for granted," she interjected.

"That between a young man of at least average respectability in appearance and a seedy old hunks with dyed whiskers no young woman of taste could hesitate a moment. Hence——"

"Upon my word, sir——"

"Hence I am here. Of two evils, Miss Jarvis, always choose the better looking. When I want any figs, young man, I'll let you know. You will confer a favor by strolling along down the aisle. I was going to say, Miss Jarvis, that there's nothing accidental about this. I am on this train in pursuance of a deliberate design. I am sitting by your side entirely on purpose. At exactly 10 o'clock last night I made up my mind I wouldn't hang on by my eyelids any longer. I decided I would seize the first opportunity——"

The train had been going at the rate of forty miles an hour. The sudden application of the air brakes brought it quickly to a stop. There was a confused sound of voices. Rifle shots were heard. Mr. Higgintop listened a moment, and resumed:

"I decided to seize the first opportunity to tell you——"

"For heaven's sake, what——"

"To tell you that I——"

"No, no! I mean what is that noise about? Something dreadful is happening! I am sure it is!"

"There's some disturbance at the forward end of the train, I presume, Viola Jarvis——"

"Oh, Mr. Higgintop, at such a time as this how can you——"

"A man as far gone as I am doesn't stop to reason about things. I have only known you about six weeks, but I think I have wanted you all my——"

Crack! Snap! Boom!

The wildest consternation reigned. Passengers were crouching down between the seats. Faces were pale with terror. And the fusillade continued, varied now and then by a loud explosion. A bullet occasionally came through a window and buried itself in the woodwork of the car.

"Oh, Mr. Higgintop——"

"My name is Wesley."

"Are we in any danger?"

"Danger? I feel as if my whole future were at stake! This is the most momentous crisis of my life! My darling girl——"

"Oh, Mr. Higgintop——"

"Wesley. My name is Wesley."

Crack! Crack! Crack! Boom!

"How can you think of anything——"

"I can't, dear! I can't think of anything except that the sweetest, loveliest girl on earth——"

Crack! Crash! Boom!

"Is holding my hand in clasp so eager, so——"

She dropped it instantly.

"I—I didn't know it," she faltered.

He merely gathered her trembling little hands in his own and held them fast.

"You have only known me six weeks," he resumed, "but——"

Boom!

"If it had been six years——"

"Please, Mr. Hig——"

"Wesley."

"Well, Wesley——"

"You darling!"

Crack! Crash! Crash!

"Oh, what will become of us——"

"Viola, dear, it only rests with you to say. I don't believe in long engagements. Four weeks from this day—take your hands away from mine and I'll kiss you before all these people, you wilful girl! There! now you are acting sensibly—hello, conductor, what's the matter?"

"Train robbers," replied the uniformed guardian of the train, who had just entered the car. "They've looted the express car and got away with $26,000. The danger's over now, though. The gang's gone. Those last shots you heard were to keep everybody scared till the thieves had got clear. You can all get up from under the seats now. I guess none of you are going to be fatally killed."

"And now, darling," resumed Mr. Wesley Higgintop, "I have only to say that——"

But he spoke in a tone too low to be heard except by the ears for which it was intended.

When the train moved off again, however, after a further delay of fifteen or twenty minutes, he still held those little hands in his.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

Nosegays of the Past.

Most things move in cycles, and contemporaneously with the reappearance of our grandmothers' sleeves and petticoats the taste for old-fashioned gardens is revived. There is a fresh call for the perennials and annuals which enlivened the borders of long ago, and those who are fortunate enough to still possess these old-time gardens show with pride the long treasured plants which have bloomed for so many years. We are apt to think that we know a good deal more about flowers than our progenitors, but the fact is there was, perhaps, more variety than there is today in many of their collections. Much time is given now to the development of perfect specimens and to the cultivation of new varieties, both in greenhouse and garden, but if we were to look over some of the venerable catalogues we should find that if we planted all that our grandsires did we should have our hands and gardens full, without anything new. A garden guide printed in 1806 gives a list of 400 hardy perennials with 120 annuals.—Chicago News.

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Prices are away down, being the cheapest ever known in this place. The articles mentioned will just be as serviceable for the

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Gifts, an old custom, which so many people prefer. Come and see the stock anyway

AT

CORELL'S,

Main St. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Old Bachelors

will not be interested in our large and fine collection of China Ware, but if they

Want Wives

they want sensible ones and saving ones, and you will find them looking amongst our customers for them. If you trade with us there will be no

Old Maids

in Bloomsburg. Economy always brings its reward. Now, ladies, if you

Want Husbands

and brothers to buy your China and get the worth of their money in style and durability tell them to GET IT at the busiest China Store in town, and he will buy it at

L. E. WEARY'S,

MAIN STREET.

A - - BARGAIN.

For the week beginning Dec. 22, 1895, we will sell the following groceries for $1.00 spot cash:

2 lbs. granulated sugar	$ .02
2 cakes Lenox soap,	.03
½ lb. mixed tea,	.25
1 can corn,	.05
1 lb. perfectly pure pepper,	.20
2 lb. rolled oats,	.03
2 bottles 10c blueing,	.10
1 can tomatoes,	.05
1 lb. baking soda,	.08
6 boxes matches, 200 in box	.08
2 qts. dried peas,	.05
1 lb. tapioca,	.06
1 basket to carry your goods home,	Free
	$1.00

Remember, all the above goods for $1.00.

C. H. Sharpless & Co.

Centre and Sixth Sts.,

Telephone Connection. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

WAITING FOR THE CALL.

BY WILL L. VISSCHER.

An old gray house, on an old-time farm—
'Twas on a Christmas night—
Thro' chinks were streaming rays of charm
In yellow shafts of light.

An old gray white and an old gray black
Were sitting by the blaze
That curled and played 'gainst the chimney back—
Sat thinking their own old ways.

Said the old black man to the old white man:
"Hit's fawty yeahs to-night
Sense you gin to me this piece er lan',
An' the pootyes' gal in sight.

"You gin us, ersides, dem papahs, too,
Dat sot us bon' ones free,
An' Nan an' me sung 'Hally, Hally Loof'
Lak er song er jubilee."

"Well, what if I did?" said the old gray white,
"Didn't both belong to me?
And didn't I have, by law, the right
To set my niggahs free?

"And, what is more," said the old white man,
"My farm was broad and long,
And didn't you, and your poor old Nan,
Find life a sweeter song?"

"Lawd bless you, marster, blessin's fell
As fas' as drops er rain;
Yes, every soun' was a silver bell,
Till God called Nan ergain.

"But we wuz all de slaves you had,
An' sense you b'en so po'
I'se felt dat we wuz actin' bad
To wish for freedom so."

"No more! no more!" said the old white man;
"I'm richer than a king!
You give me blessings, all you can;
I need not anything.

"And, more than all, am I not blest,
While waiting for the call?
I gave you Freedom, God's bequest,
Intended for us all."

TWO CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND A TRAMP.

By Elsa Armstrong.

It was Christmas eve and the Dodgetts sat by the fire discussing the probability that they would receive presents of greater value than they had sent to their poor relatives; and as good as they had sent to their rich ones.

"Ugh, what a night it is," said Mrs. Dodgett, "but it is just as well, for we shall have no callers, and I'm really not fit to be seen."

"You certainly are not;" candidly answered Mr. Dodgett, "it's a mystery what you have done with all the money you have gotten for dress. Now, I can go nowhere for lack of a decent dress suit."

Instead of replying warmly, Mrs. Dodgett only smiled mysteriously. At that moment the maid entered, saying:

"Please, ma'am, a tramp's at the back door begging for clothes."

"Tell him to go away and be quick about it," said Mr. Dodgett, who was suffering from neuralgia and disappointment that his wife would not quarrel.

"Don't leave him alone in the kitchen," said Mrs. Dodgett; "he is most likely a sneak thief."

"Charitable, that remark," grunted her husband.

"Ye-es," she replied, absently, "by the way, dear, Mr. Blanque has given his wife another sealskin. I shall have to cut her, for I can't visit her any longer in my old wrap. It's one comfort, though, that he selected it himself; something is surely wrong with it." Looking anxiously at her husband, she saw a half smile on his face.

"It's a cold night for that poor wretch to be out half clad," he said. "I'll see if he is gone," she returned, and both left the room by different doors.

Soon they were both back with half pleased, half shame-faced looks.

"It's Christmas eve, after all," said he.

"Yes, we should be charitable to-day of all days."

"M'hm; I gave that poor wretch my dress suit which was too shabby to wear. I had to hunt for it, too; it was—"

"And I gave him your old overcoat; it—"

"Which overcoat?"

"The black one; you—"

"You did, eh? Well, you were too smart for once! In the pocket of that coat was concealed the money I had saved to buy a sealskin for your Christmas gift. Say, why did you hide my dress suit in your wardrobe?"

Both had risen, looking very pale.

"You got that dress suit from my wardrobe, did you? Well, it was a new one I had gotten for your Christmas gift, Silas Dodgett!"

Two minutes later Mrs. Dodgett was in strong hysterics on the hearth rug, while the maddest man in town was vainly searchng for a tramp with a new dress suit and an old overcoat.

His Name Is Legion.

For a Christmas present now
I am saving up;
That's why wrinkles line my brow
And sorrow fills my cup.

—Truth.

It's a Fair-and-Square Flat-Footed Fact

That we have reduced the price of all the SUITS, OVERCOATS, HATS, CAPS, AND FURNISHING Goods we've got in stock. There are no exceptions and no half-way work—but

Every Cut is to the very quick.

Louis Gross.

Time to Skate Now!...

Pleasure and health combined. Ravenous appetite, good digestion, rosy cheeks. Better than medicine—better than cosmetics—cheaper too.

We'll sell you a pair of Peck & Snyder, or Winslow Skates for $4, and they'll last forever, or near it.

All kinds of skates from 25c. a pair up, so poverty is no excuse.

J. R. SCHUYLER & CO.,

General Hardware. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

It Does not take Much Money for Groceries Here.

Our prices are rock bottom, our goods are fresh and of a No. 1 quality, and the privilege is yours to bring back anything unsatisfactory and get your money. and to have your packages delivered free.

New York Cash Store,

Main St. L. T. Sharpless & Co.

Bush and Malfaiera.

During the Holidays we will sell our candy cheaper than ever. Just think our French Nuget fresh made only 40c lb; Almond paste Bon Bons, Fig paste, Chocolate Dates, Chocolate Walnut Creams, Cream Almonds, Cocoanut Bon Bons, French Mixture of all kinds. Fancy toys hand-made of all kinds. Call and see the prices on these goods, they will astonish you. Besides getting your candy fresh and cheap, for every 50 cents worth you buy you get a ticket for the premium on Christmas morning. And then we call your attention to the Chocolate Creams only 15c lb. French Mixed Bon Bons, this at

Bloomsburg Candy Manufactory.

We also have a big lot of fresh, new Princess Almonds, paper shell XXXX; Large Walnuts XXXX; Filberts and Pecans XXXX; Brazil Nuts XXXX; Malaga Grapes, fancy cluster; Oranges of all kinds, fancy Lemons and Grape Fruit, Turkey Figs layer, we sell all these at low prices for Christmas. Italian Chestnuts 10c qt. and fancy hand made Toys 10c lb. Don't forget when you come in to make up the 50 cents so you can get a draw ticket at

Bush & Malfaiera's.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS.

THERE'S ONE DRAWBACK

About dealing with us. If you spend as much money here as you would any place else you'll have to buy a bigger basket or make two trips. Look at these basket-stretchers—

Foreign and Domestic Nuts, 5c. lb. up.

Christmas Candy, 10c. lb.

Prompt delivery of goods to all parts of the town.

Our goods comply with the new food law now in force in this State.

J. D. ARMSTRONG,

Main St. Bloomsburg, Pa.

DO YOU

Imagine you know a good thing when you see it? Of course you do, and we're not going to dispute the assertion.

DID YOU

Ever consider the value we give you in all kinds of meats?

DON'T YOU

Do a thing then until you call and examine for yourself.

Dressed Poultry a Specialty.

Goods delivered free to all parts of town.

C. H. REICE.

Extravagance

May lie in paying too much for a thing or in paying too little.

If you buy dry goods for less than we ask, you'll not get as good quality—that's poor economy.

If you pay more, you pay too much, because we sell the best there is.

The same rule applies to our Groceries, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes and Queensware.

BLOOMSBURG STORE CO., Limited,

CORNER MAIN AND IRON STREETS.

General Providers. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

100 Albums from 25c. to $5.00. Worth double that price.

75 Toilet Sets from $1.00 to $15.00. Regular price $1.75 to $20.00.

Xmas novelties reduced accordingly.

We also have a good assortment of Collar and Cuff, Necktie, Fan, Glove, Handkerchief and Jewel Boxes, Gold Pens, Fountain Pens, Gold Pencils and Tooth Picks, Books, Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymnals, Smoking Sets, Diaries for 1896, Fine Perfume in handsome cases, Banquet Lamps at prices to suit all. Don't fail to look at our stock before buying.

JAMES H. MERCER,

OPPOSITE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

I HAVE

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, Clocks, Silverware.

DORFLINGER'S CUT-GLASS, and Novelties.

Serving Your Dessert

marks the climax of your Christmas dinner. The climax of beauty and elegance is seen in our display of jewelry which reaches the apex of attractiveness and is unrivalled in the county. Everything is here like the courses of an epicure's dinner, and the only course to take is to choose your Christmas gifts from a stock as bewitchingly presentable as the belle of the ball. Our stock is like a note expiring on the 25th; it's presentable on that day. Secure what you intend to present without delay. First choices, like first thoughts are brightest.

J. E. ROYS.

SUCCESSOR TO J. G. WELLS.

JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

Desirable building lots, and handsome houses for sale in the growing portion of Bloomsburg. Prices reasonable and terms easy.

E. E. TUSTIN.

HE'S THE ONLY HUSBAND YOU HAVE,

and you care about pleasing him, and like to see him happy and contented. You can do all this, if you purchase for him as a Christmas gift a box of segars from Harry Wilson. A full line of all kinds of smokers' articles.

HARRY WILSON,

Market Sq., BLOOMSBURG, PA.

P. SOLLEDER & CO.

MAKE A SPECIALTY OF

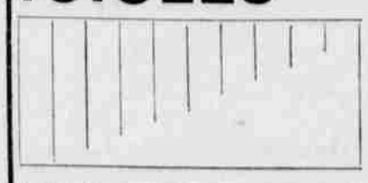
Hemlock, Sole, and Harness Leather.

A big stock always on hand.

We also keep a full line of Calf Skin Kips, Lace Leather, Sheep Skins, Strips of Leather Cut Soles, Heel Taps, Iron Stands, Clinch Nails, Hammers, Knives, Peg and Sewing Awls, Threads, Wax, Cements and Dressings of all kinds.

Wholesale and Retail at Rock Bottom Prices.

Blizzards —AND— ICICLES



Will soon be here; we don't mean to pose as prophets, nor gloat over your possible shivers the past few days, because you did not get your heating stove. What we wish is that shivering should emphasize for us the comfort to be found in our line of heaters.

W. F. HARTMAN.

Dolls.——Dolls.——Dolls.

We have now on hand one of the nicest selectionf of Dolls in the county. Dolls at 1c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, and up to any price. Doll Carriages 25c and up; Iron Express Wagons $1.00 and up; Express Wagons $1.00 and up; Rocking Chairs all kinds cheap; Wheel Barrows from 10c up to $1.00; Doll Cradles and Beds 25c and 50c.

CARTS and WAGONS 10c to 25c. Children's Tea Sets 5c and up. Now is the time to buy boys' and girls' sleds. Sleds 50c and up. Doll Houses for the girls, and Barns, Stables and Noah's Arks for the boys. Albums, Writing Desks, plush boxes and stationery, we are headquarters. For all kinds of

FANCY GOODS AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Call at the .....

NEW YORK NOVELTY STORE,

JOHN W. MASTELLAR, Agent.

Good Rubbers are Good Friends.

They save you any number of bad colds. Cheap Rubbers are treacherous and cost too much beside. We'd rather sell you the best.

Some people like invisible Rubbers. Don't protect the top of the foot, that's the only objection. Yet we sell lots of them.

Slippers

Just what your husband, brother or friend would appreciate as a Christmas gift. All sizes; all prices.

J. A. HESS,

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

CHRISTMAS 1895.

NO DIFFERENCE in CANDY ?

NUTS, TOYS AND CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMINGS.

OH but there is. Not in the looks perhaps, but in the make up and manufacture. Have you seen ours? 'Tis clean, fresh and wholesome. We have every kind. PRICES—they'll save you something, too.

G. W. HESS,

Exchange Bakery.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

In these hard times one stops to figure on ....

LAUNDRY WORK... as well as other necessities of life, therefore we endeavor to give our patrons full value for their money. Collars, Cuffs and Shirts done up by us always pleases the wearer. Besides that, it is economy. You can wear them much longer than when done at home and save your wife much hard work. The shirt is often in good condition when the neck band gives out. We will put you on a new one for 5c. Do you think that will save you some money? Try and see.

We call for and deliver work to any part of the town. Some people have an idea that laundry work is injurious to linen. Call and see. We will be glad to see you, and show you how we make the linen so white, smooth and glossy.

COLUMBIA STEAM LAUNDRY, CENTRE STREET.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1895.

Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa., as second class matter, March 1, 1888.

BRIEF MENTION.

About People You Know.

Col. Jamison spent Sunday with his family.

Miss Lizzie Gerard is assisting at the Broadway.

Rev. U. Myers, of Catawissa, was noticed on the streets last Tuesday.

Levi Stamm and family, expect to move to Reading in a few days.

Louis Bernhard and E. H. Harrar went to Harrisburg on last Friday.

Miss Helen Warner is engaged as a clerk in the jewelry store of Hess Bros.

James Stamm has gone to Reading where he will read medicine with his uncle.

Daniel Bryfogle attended the sessions of the state grange at Williamsport last week.

Mr. J. S. Roys, of Lyons, New York is visiting his son, J. E. Roys, the Jeweler.

Sheriff McHenry has been confined to his home this week on account of sickness.

C. R. Parker has been appointed Postmaster at Sereno.

Miss Anna Logan, is employed as an additional clerk at the Broadway.

Mrs. E. B. Krum, has returned from a visit to friends in Michigan.

Harry Steward, an assistant of Louis Lyons, is confined to the house by sickness.

C. W. McKelvy has been appointed bookkeeper for the Bloomsburg Furniture Company.

John W. Kreamer of Rohrsburg, has been granted a re-newal and increase of pension.

Miss Eura Williams is filling the position of clerk in the confectionery store of Bush and Malfaiera.

Miss Mary Fornwald, has been employed as an additional clerk by I. G. Dietrick. She makes a valuable assistant.

William Kline, of the McHenry House, Benton, transacted business at the County Seat on Monday.

Deputy Prothonotary Quick is going around with his eye in a sling. Don't go skating on Sunday.

Rev. W. G. Ferguson, of Harrisburg, visited his daughter Mrs. E. B. Tustin, during the present week.

J. E. Roys, who purchased the jewelry business of J. G. Wells, has rented one of E. B. Tustin's new houses on Market Street.

Charles Haas and B. F. Sponenberg, two of the representative men of Berwick were at the County Seat on Tuesday. They came down behind a pair of flyers.

Miss Marks, is now filling the position of telegraph operator at the Western Union office, Miss Dugan, having been transferred to a similar position at East Orange, New Jersey.

Miss Margaret La Gorce of Washington, D. C., has been visiting her cousin Miss Marks, of the Western Union telegraph office. Miss La Gorce is a graduate of the Normal.

William Sterling, of Columbus, Ohio, arrived in town on Tuesday. His family have been visiting relatives in this place for some time. They will remain until after the Holidays.

Gordon Goodman, who has been employed as clerk at the Farmers Produce for a long time, has resigned his position and will fill a similar position in his father's store in Schuylkill County.

I. D. White, the efficient manager of the Bloomsburg Store Company, celebrated in a fitting manner, his fortieth birthday last Tuesday. His daughter Mary was seven years old the same day.

Dr. Elizabeth Reifnyder, who has charge of a hospital at Shanghai, China, spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Eyerly. She has been ten years in that country and has been very successful in her work.

Mr. Geo. White of Tunkhannock spent Monday in town, visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. E. Roys. He is engaged in the monument and mausoleum business. The Hummel monument at Afton came from his factory.

Miss Effie Wagner, who has been spending several months in this place, left for her home at Muncy Station last Tuesday. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. George Wilson. Miss Wagner, by her affable manners made many friends during her stay among us.

The fountain has been enclosed preparatory for winter.

Charles Krug is erecting a barn for O. A. Stonge in Montour township.

The public schools will be closed from December 20th to the 30th.

A young daughter of D. A. McGee the East Street baker, is seriously ill.

How do you like our Holiday edition?

Hot chocolate now has the call on ice cream soda.

A nice Christmas present for a friend would be a year's subscription to the COLUMBIAN.

Begin the new year by subscribing for THE COLUMBIAN. Only one dollar a year.

Paul E. Wirt is erecting a large barn at the rear of his lot on First Street.

Marriage bells promise to ring merrily during the closing days of the year.

Miss Ada Lucas is engaged as an additional clerk in the store of H. W. Sloan.

"Let your light shine before men" and their patronage may be depended upon to supply the necessary oil.

Our young people have been enjoying the fine skating for the past few days, and the Iron Dale race presents a merry sight.

A large number of extra papers are printed this week, thus giving to our advertisers the benefit of a great circulation.

To all our friends and patrons we present the greetings of the season, and wish them one and all a merry Christmas.

The most slippery place in town just now is Jones & Walter's show window. Slip inside and see their great lines of shoes for every body.

Jacob Brobst is having a new forge built in his smith shop on West Main Street. He is crowded with work, and has a capable corps of assistants.

Dr. Evans is having the appearance of his property at the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets greatly improved by the application of paint.

The water famine is not over in Altoona. The allowance was unrestricted for a week, but it has again been reduced to four hours a day.

THE COLUMBIAN office will be closed all day next Wednesday, Christmas day. The paper will be issued as usual on Thursday.

The many friends of Mrs. F. M. Leader, will regret to learn that she is confined to her home by sickness. They hope for her speedy recovery.

A copy of THE COLUMBIAN goes into every house in Bloomsburg this week. If any one should be missed, a copy can be procured at this office, free of charge.

The store room of L. C. Rutter, adjoining the lot of Mrs. Crawford, on West Third Street, is being moved off the line. The work is being done by W. G. Rhodomoyer.

We acknowledge the receipt of a valuable almanac issued by the Philadelphia *Record*. It is complied in a compact form, and is filled with interesting matter.

Prof. Sutliff, of the Normal, is attending a teacher's institute in Wyoming County, and Prof. Albert and Principal Walsh, are performing similar work at Danville and Sunbury.

Joseph McNinch, will erect a house on West Fourth Street. The contract has been awarded to W. G. Rhodomoyer, who is to have it ready for occupancy on April 1st 1896.

The best indication of the value of a newspaper as an advertising medium is the patronage it receives. Look at our columns and see what the business men of Bloomsburg are doing.

John Prosser, an employee of the D. L. and W. Rail Road Company had the index fingers of his right hand cut off in uncoupling cars a few days since.

The Bradford County *Argus*, last week published a cut of the proposed Court House at Towanda. It will be a beautiful building and will cost $100,000.

For one dollar a year we send you THE COLUMBIAN and *Farm News*.

For $1.75 a year, we send you THE COLUMBIAN, and Three times a week *World*. Subscribe now.

The brick building occupied by J. R. Schuyler and others, on Main Street, was sold at public sale last Thursday, and was purchased by the heirs of the owner, Thomas T. Miller, consideration $10,000.

Owing to the large demand for safe deposit boxes, the Farmer's National Bank have been obliged to place a new lot in their vault. A large number of them have been already engaged.

J. L. Girton will call the new hotel, which he proposes opening in Mrs. Phillips' building, The Globe. It will be opened January 1st, 1896, and E. M. Milheim will fill the position of clerk.

The attention of our readers is called to the change in the advertisement of the D. Lowenburg Clothing Store. Knee pants, children's waists, men's working shirts, and men's mittens are selling for 15 cents.

Rugs are always acceptable presents. Get them at Brower's.

Quite a bevy of the young people of this place attended a surprise party at the home of Miss Minnie Swank, a few days since.

Mr. Ratti has had the maple trees surrounding his home on Fifth Street trimmed, and everything put in ship shape for the winter.

The appearance of the Creasey and Wells house on Iron Street, occupied by W. P. Meigs, is being improved by the application of paint.

There was to have been a meeting of the Town Council last Monday evening, but owing to the absence of several of the members, it was postponed until Thursday evening.

The new houses, which Thomas Lauer is building, at the corner of Main and Railroad Streets, are nearing completion. They will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

J. E. Wilson has a handsome stepping stone in front of his residence on Market Street. It was carved out of a solid stone, obtained at the quarry at Elk Grove.

We are glad to be able to announce that George Ferguson, who has been sick for a long time, has so far recovered as to be able to be out of the house.

The "Bloomer Girls" failed to materialize at the opera house last Tuesday night. It has been suggested that perhaps they got them on wrong side first, and walked off in the wrong direction.

E. C. Caswell is making extensive improvements to his new beautiful home on Fifth Street. When they are completed he will have one of the finest arranged homes on that street of beautiful residences.

Now it is Papa Kumer. This was occasioned by the arrival of a son at the home of Fred Kumer. Don't know how this will affect the price of cement pavements. Grand Pa Malfaiera is giving away peanuts.

The clerical force at the Post Office has been considerably crippled during the past week, by the illness of Mr. George A. Clark and Miss Bessie Jacoby. Mr. Clark is now back in the office, but Miss Jacoby is still confined to her room.

If you have any instruments that should be recorded, attend to it at once, as Recorder Ent is in a remarkably good humor this week. A son came to brighten his home last Tuesday. He says he will see to it, that he is reared as a Democrat.

William Rehm has his bakery on West Third Street, in full operation, and is meeting with good success in his venture. His bread is known to nearly all our readers, as he has had several years experience, and is a first class workman.

The supper at the residence of Mrs. L. N. Moyer last Thursday evening was a success, over a hundred persons partaking of the refreshments which had been prepared in a manner known only to the hostess. The money received was given to the fund for the building of the new Methodist church.

The bible readings which have been conducted for some time past in the Presbyterian church by Mr. McConkey have been greatly enjoyed by all who participated in them. All who thus far have failed to attend them, are earnestly requested to do so.

Pursel & Harman call attention in their advertisement on page 6, to the many handsome and desirable articles suitable for gifts, to be found at their store. You have seen their pretty windows, and you know that all sheir goods are of the best grade.

The wife of Rev. W. E. Krebs died at her home at Littlestown, Pa., on last Friday December 13th, and was burried on Monday. Rev. Krebs some years ago was pastor of Trinity Reformed Church of this place and has many friends here who sympathize with him in his affliction.

A tramp bicycle stood all day in front of the Post Office last Sunday. It looked as though it had seen long service. Several labels were attached to it, which read: "I am lost, take me home." "Where am I at?" "For sale." A beer bottle hung from the handle. The poor thing wore a dejected and lonesome air.

It was rumored the other day that McKinney gives away a piano with every pair of shoes he sells, but we found by inquiry that the report was incorrect. He has a piano on exhibition in his store, but what he gives his customers is full value with every purchase.

Glittering diamonds, sparkling cut glass, fine gold watches, bright silverware and handsome jewelry are always pleasing to look upon. When selected with such care, and arranged with the taste displayed at J. E. Roys' jewelry store, they are all the more attractive. The rush of customers daily at his place of business proves that his efforts to cater to the public demand are fully appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WHICH SHOULD BE CAREFULLY READ BY EVERY ONE—EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS OFFERED.

Gilmore's Toy Bazaar.

As usual at this time of the year, one of the chief centres of attraction in the town for the little folks, is Gilmore's Toy Bazaar. The show windows, the large store room down stairs, four large rooms and the hall up stairs are filled with all kinds of articles, suitable for Christmas presents for children. There is not so large an assortment elsewhere in this part of the State. Here may be found dolls, fire engines, hose carriages, patrols, railroad trains, horses and wagons, wheel barrows, menageries, doll houses, furniture, carriages, pianos, stoves, banks, puzzles, games, Christmas tree ornaments, and thousands of other things in endless variety. Don't fail to visit Gilmore before making your holiday purchases. 2t.

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5 lbs. fine mixed candy for one dollar at Deitrick's.

If you want to buy the latest styles at the lowest prices in shirts, hats, caps &c. go to TOWNSEND, the furnisher.

Walnut, and peanut taffy at Bush & Co's.

After dinner tea kettles, chafing dishes, Marion Hareland coffee pots at Peacock's.

10000 people wanted to move Hess Bros. immense stock of Holiday bargains.

Our taffy is made every day. All kinds can be found at our place of business. Bush & Co.

If you want a good storm coat, any color, any price, call on Gross.

Lowney's fine chocolates 60c. lb. at Deitrick's.

From this date up to Christmas morning we will give a draw to any purchaser of 50 or 75 cents or up in our store. This ticket will be drawn for 1st, 2nd and 3rd premiums. The first will consist of 3 pounds of clear toys, 1 dozen of best oranges, 1 doz. of Aspinwall bananas, 1 dozen lemons, 2 lbs. mixed nuts, 2 lbs. of Malaga grapes, 2 lbs. of Christmas candy, any kind desired, 2 cans of French sardines, 5 cans of sweet corn, 3 cans of tomatoes, 2 quarts of Italian chestnuts, 1 pack fresh roasted peanuts.

Second premium—One fancy box of chewing gum, 60 packages.

Third premium—One large Jumbo bunch of Aspinwall bananas, worth $2.50. Remember this number will be drawn Christmas morning and everything we give away is fresh and of the best quality. You can get the tickets at the Main street store or at the candy manufactory, Opera House building. Competent judges will be selected to conduct the drawing on Christmas morning.

12-6-tf BUSH & MALFAIERA.

We have all the latest styles in Stiff and Fedoras at Gross'

For Sale.

A one horse phaeton in good condition. Price very low. Inquire at this office, or of C. P. Elwell. tf.

Framed and unframed pictures, new, at Slate's.

All kinds of fruits and nuts at Deitrick's.

If you want a good warm cap for yourself or boy, at 25 or 50 cts., you can get it at Gross'

All kinds of taffy, constantly on hand at the store of Bush & Co., on Main Street.

All the new games at Slate's.

Come and see that Holiday bargains do exist and that Hess Bros. give them.

If you need a glove of any kind, we have a full line at Gross'

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Many novelties for Christmas presents at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

You can find just what you want for your wife's Christmas present at M. A. Watson's.

Games of many kinds at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Fresh shell oysters opened at 70c. per hundred at H. F. Furman's.

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Rubber boots make a nice present for small boys and girls. Max Gross has a nice line and prices low. Opposite Central Hotel.

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Just received hundreds of suits and overcoats, latest styles at Gross'

All the latest books at Slate's.

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A nice line of Holiday goods are on exhibition at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

You want good goods this is your chance, can't help being pleased at Hess Bros.

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TOWNSEND sells the best and cheapest gloves in town. Call and see the line, imported and domestic, from 25 cents per pair up.

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If you don't know what to buy your husband for a Christmas gift, try a box of segars. He will appreciate them if you purchase "Taffy's" choice at Harry Wilson's.

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Look out for the pennies. You know the balance of the old adage. Takes lots of dollars to go around about Xmas time. You can't afford to pay fancy prices. Here's where we come in. Slippers make a nice present, we have them from 49c. up. Max Gross, opposite Central Hotel.

During the next two weeks Jones and Walter will sell a large quantity of slippers. Will you be among the buyers.

A suitable Christmas gift for your brother, or some other one's brother would be a box of Harry Wilson's choice segars.

Felt shoes for children. They are the correct thing these cold mornings and evening. Children can romp and play in them. They are noiseless.

Bissell's Carpet Sweepers make good Christmas gifts, You can buy them at Peacock's hardware store.

If you want a nice Xmas present call at TOWNSEND'S, the Gents Furnisher, and you can find the newest in hats, caps and toques &c. all at the lowest prices.

A pair of warm comfortable slippers is always an acceptable Christmas gift. The largest lot to select from is at Jones and Walter's.

Don t fail to see the elegant assortment of candy at Dietrick's.

You will do well to call on Max Gross for rubber boots, &c. Prices are way down.

A large line of books, booklets, juveniles &c. at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Jones and Walter's line of slippers is complete, including embroidered, alligator, Russian calf and opera. The prices range from 50 cents to $2.50. You certainly can select a Christmas present from this stock.

Rocking chairs $1.50 to $50 at W. J. Corell & Co.

Chocolates—the finest and purest at G. Wilson Hess'.

The best place in town to get oysters served in any style is at Furman's, Chrisman's old stand

Mirrors, photo frames and many novelties at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Parlor suits $50 up at W. J. Corell & Co.

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Fresh shell oysters by the dozen or hundred at Chrisman's.

Furniture at rock bottom prices at W. J. Corell & Co. The largest stock in the County from which to make your selection.

Have you seen those Mens' velvet embroidered slippers at 49 & 75cts at Max Gross opposite Central Hotel

Bed room suits 8 pieces from $20 to $100 at W. J. Corell & Co.

Biggest stock, finest goods, lowest prices at Hess Bros.

C. B. Chrisman invites you to call and see him in his new oyster parlor on Main street, next door to Jacobs' bakery. Everything new, neat and clean. Elegant service. Oysters served in all styles.

Fresh cider at Furman's, Chrisman's old stand.

A nice place to take your lady friends for oysters is at Chrisman's on Main street, next door to Jacobs' bakery.

Home dressed meat of all kinds can always be found at Louis Lyon's on Main street.

Kalamazoo celery fresh every day at Chrisman's on Main street

Fresh shell oysters opened at 70c. per hundred at H. F. Furman's.

Hats for ladies. All the latest styes at M. A. Watson's.

G. Wilson Hess respectfully requests you to call and examine his line of fine candies, expressly purchased for the Christmas season.

Silver plated ware suitable for Christmas gifts at J. R. Schuyler & Co's.

For fresh nuts, raisins, currants, citron, Pared and unpared California peaches and prunes call at L. T. Sharpless & Co., Main St.

Don't make a mistake, if you are in need of oysters, call at Chrisman's on Main street for them.

For bibles, prayer books and hymnals go to Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

Embroidered slippers all sizes at Jones and Walter's.

If that man for whom you are seeking a Christmas gift is a pipe smoker, Harry Wilson can supply you with what you are looking for.

When you buy a genuine "Bissell" you buy the very best carpet sweeper that money can buy. You can get them at Peacock's.

See the comfort night robe just in at TOWNSEND'S, the gents furnisher.

No inducements will be left unmade to sell Hess Bros. Holiday stock.

Pocket books for ladies and gentleman at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

FOR SALE:—A farm of 131 acres, between Lime Ride and Bloomsburg. Apply to J. S. Williams. tf.

Try a can of Hopkins' Steamed Hominy (Hulled Corn.) It is delicious. Full qt., 10c. 12-13-4t.

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Fresh fish received daily at H. F. Furman's on Main Street. All fish cleaned, and delivered.

A set of our table cutlery would make an acceptable and useful present for your wife. J. R. Schuyler & Co.

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Make your boy happy, by presenting him with a pair of our fine skates on Christmas morning from Schuyler's.

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16th, 1895.

Democrats have every reason to be perfectly satisfied with the Congressional outlook. If the republicans adopt the policy of introducing fake impeachment resolutions, for the purpose of abusing democratic officials, instead of doing something to relieve the distress which they had so much to say about during the last Congressional campaign, there will certainly be a general reaction in favor of the democratic party. And that reaction will be equally certain to come, if the republicans do any tariff tinkering along the lines of the McKinley bill.

The democrats are not responsible for legislation in either House or Senate; they occupy a position which will enable them to accentuate republican mistakes and to profit thereby.

Senator Hill has reintroduced his resolution for a cloture rule in the Senate, and has announced his intention to make fight for it, and the large number of new Senators—men who are not bound hand and foot by tradition—makes him believe he will succeed.

Senator Gorman didn't let the report, that he would not be a candidate for reelection, get well started before he called it down. He will be a candidate, and he is confident that he will be able to pull Maryland back into the democratic lines and be reelected to the Senate.

Senator Cameron's announcement, that he would retire from public life at the close of his present term, was a case of "must." Quay had served notice on him that his place was wanted. Cameron has also stopped putting his good money into that Presidential rathole.

The stories about the winning and losing of votes between the ballots taken by the Republican National Committee, to decide upon the city which was to get the convention, doubtless make good reading matter for those who do not know the facts. The only one of the competing cities that never was in it was San Francisco, notwithstanding its standing second, when the convention was knocked down to St. Louis—the orders had been given out by the Platt-Quay-Reed combine, that the Pacific coast must be jollied by giving San Francisco a large vote, but not large enough to carry the convention there. The convention was sold. There is no doubt about that, and either Chicago, Pittsburg or New York could have secured it by raising the bid of St. Louis. In fact, some gentlemen representing Chicago were told after the first ballot, in which Chicago got only eight votes, had taken, that Chicago could have the convention if the price—$100,000—was put up. The Chicago Committee, after a consultation, refused to pay that much, and after three more ballots the convention was given to St. Louis, simply because he had paid more for it than any other city would pay. The setting of June 16th as the date for the republican convention will make the democratic convention unusually early, if the usual custom of the party in power holding its convention first be followed.

The democratic steering committee of Senators Gorman, Cockrell, Harris, Blackburn, Brice, Walthall, Murphy, White, and Jones, of Ark., at a meeting held to discuss Senate reorganization, decided that no obstructions should be placed in the way of the republicans reorganizing the Senate as soon as they can produce the votes, but that no move should be made by the democrats to voluntarily surrender what they have now. Reorganization will be easy for the republicans, if they can agree upon a slate for president pro tem. and chairman of committees that will command the full republican votes, as the populists have agreed to absent themselves when the vote is taken. For all practical purposes this will be just the same as their voting with the republicans, and it will probably be just as beneficial to the populists, and still they can go home and pull the wool over the eyes of their constituents by producing the Congressional Record, showing that they did not vote to help the republicans reorganize the Senate.

The man who is willing to make a monkey of himself can always start a sensation in Congress, that will bring him a temporary notoriety. The first to do so this session was Representative Barrett, of Boston, who offered a resolution impeaching Ambassador Bayard, because he had dared to exercise the right of free speech and to criticise the doctrine of protection. Of course Barret knows as well as everybody else does, that his resolution was a new Congressman's bid for notoriety pure and simple, and that it will never be reported back to the House by the committee on Foreign Affairs, to which it was referred. In the short debate which preceded the reference of the resolution, Ex-Speaker Crisp showed himself to be in good fighting trim. His taunting the republicans with being afraid to put a protective tariff bill through the House, notwithstanding their immense majority, was a hit, and no republican dared reply to it; it was so true it couldn't be replied to. The resolution is buncombe. Mr. Bayard has done nothing but what he had a perfect right to do, if he saw fit.

Relief for Rheumatism.

"This information," said a well known physician to a correspondent of the *Telegram*, "may save many lives; at any rate it will prove an invaluable boon to people suffering from rheumatism in any form."

"Rheumatism is caused by acidity of the blood. It should never be neglected. This remedy, as I know by long practice is very efficacious and as simple as it is powerful.

"Here it is," he added, "when a rheumatic twinge is experienced, the patient should buy a bottle of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and take one teaspoonful in milk or water to suit the action of the bowels, three times a day, and continue daily until the last vestage of the malady has disappeared. That's all, but if taken as I have prescribed, it will save many doctors' bills, to say nothing of pains, aches and swellings. I've never known it to fail.—*Albany, N. Y., Telegram.* 2t.

The Farmer's Dilemma.

The thing which man now specially yearns for is the ability to spread the blessings of life more evenly along from year to year. Its either a feast or famine, a deluge or a drought. One season, the farmer's potatoes are so small the hens won't scratch 'em up; next season they're as big as what the hogs dream of when they're most too fat to snore. This year the corn crop in Iowa is so tremendous that the farmers will not haul it to market for the paltry price it will bring. Only a year ago they were selling corn at the highest price in the history of American farming and feeding wheat to the hogs.

Grangers in Convention.

At last week's session of the Pennsylvania State Grange at Williamsport the reports of the several officers were read. The treasurer's report showed that $22,000 had been received and $9,000 expended. The balance of $12,000 has been invested in bonds. One of the most important matters discussed was the delivery of mail in the rural districts, which is strongly favored by the prominent grangers.

James G. McSparren, of Drumore township, replied to the address of welcome.

The Order of Patrons of Husbandry was founded in Washington, D. C., shortly following the close of the war of the rebellion by a few men, who were impelled by a desire to advance the cause of agriculture. For nearly two years they wrought with energy, until they completed a well devised scheme of organization based upon a ritual and four degrees for men and four for women. The constitution was adopted in 1867, under the name of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, with Master Saunders, Lecturer Thompson, Treasurer Seeland and Secretary Kelly as the first elective officers. During the succeeding years, until the present time, the Grange has spread to every state in the Union, and numbers thousands upon thousands in membership.

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A house-to house canvass in eleven districts of New York city, conducted by reporters of *The Morning Advertiser*, has shown that nearly twenty-six per cent of the names on the Republican enrollment are fraudulent; and that journal admits that if this percentage should be sustained in the remaining 1392 voting precincts of the city the honest Republican enrollment would scarcely reach 55,000. The moral is that New York Republicans should quit clamoring about Tammany rascalities long enough to take an introspective look, and then apply the lesson inculcated by the parable of the beam and the mote.

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From the Herald, Boston, Mass.

REV. C. J. FREEMAN, A.B., PH.D.

No. 157 Emerson St., South Boston, is the present home of Rev. C. J. Freeman, A. B., Ph.D., the recent rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church at Anaconda, Mont. During the reform movement which has swept over Boston, Dr. Freeman has been frequently heard from through the various newspapers and although a resident of comparatively recent date he has exerted much public influence which has been increased by the fact that he was ten years ago on a commission appointed in England to investigate the troublesome question of the vice of great cities.

He has preached before cultured audiences in the old world, as well as to the rough pioneers in the mining towns of the Rocky mountains, and his utterances as well as his writings have been in the line of progress and liberality, well-seasoned with practical common sense. Dr. Freeman has written this paper a letter which will be read with much interest. He says:—

"Some five years since I found that deep study and excessive literary work, in addition to my ordinary ministerial duties, were undermining my health. I detected that I was unable to understand things as clearly as I usually did; that after but little thought and study I suffered from a dull pain in the head and great weariness, and all thought and study became a trouble to me. I lost appetite, did not relish ordinary food, after eating, suffering acute pains in the chest and back. There was sourness of the stomach, and the most of my food seemed to turn to sour water, with most sickly and suffocating feeling in vomiting up such sour water.

At this time I consulted several physicians. One said I was run down, another said I had chronic indigestion; but this I do know, that with all the prescriptions which they gave me I was not improving; for in addition, I had pains in the regions of the kidneys, a very sluggish liver, so much so that I was very much like a yellow man, was depressed in spirits, imagined all sorts of things and was daily becoming worse and felt that I should soon become a confirmed invalid if I did not soon understand my complaints. I followed the advice of physicians most severely, but with all I was completely unable to do my ministerial duty, and all I could possibly do was to rest and try to be thankful. After eighteen months' treatment I found I was the victim of severe palpitation of the heart, and was almost afraid to walk across my room. Amid all this I was advised to take absolute rest from all mental work. In fact, I was already unable to take any duty for the reason that the feeling of complete prostration after the least exertion, precluded me from any duty whatever, and it appeared to my mind that I was very near being a perfect wreck. As for taking absolute rest, I could not take more than I did unless it was so absolute as to rest in the grave. Then it would have been absolute enough.

"It is now quite three years, since, in addition to all the pains and penalties which I endured, I found creeping upon me a peculiar numbness of the left limbs, and in fact could not walk about. If I tried to walk I had to drag the left foot along the ground. The power of locomotion seemed to be gone, and I was consoled with the information that it was partial paralysis. Whether it was or not I do not know, but this I do know, I could not walk about and I began to think my second childhood had commenced at the age of forty-one years.

"Just about two years ago or a little more, a ministerial friend came to see me. I was sick in bed and could hardly move, and he was something like old Job's comforter, although not quite. He had much regret and commiseration which was a very poor balm for a sick man. But the best thing he did say was this: "Did you ever see Pink Pills?" I said, "Who in the world is he?" He said, "Why do you not try Pink Pills?" He said good bye very affectionately, so much so that doubtless he thought it was the last farewell. Nevertheless, after thinking a little, I just came to the conclusion that I would make an innovation and see what Pink Pills would do. I looked at them, and I said can any good possibly come out of those little pink things? Any way, I would see. I was suspicious of Pink Pills, and I remembered the old proverb: "Sospetto licentia fede," "suspicion is the passport to faith." So Pink Pills I obtained, and Pink Pills I swallowed. But one box of them did not cure me, nor did I feel any different. But after I had taken nine or ten boxes of pills I was decidedly better. Yes, I was certainly improving, and after eight months of Pink Pills I could get about. The numbness of the left limb was nearly gone, the pains in the head had entirely ceased, the appetite was better, I could enjoy food and I had a free, quiet action of the heart without palpitation. In fact, in twelve months I was a new creature, and to-day I can stand and speak over two hours without a rest. I can perform all my public duties which devolve upon me, without fatigue, and do all the walking which I have to do, and am thankful for it. I can safely say I was never in a better state of health than I am to-day, and that I attribute it to the patient, persevering use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"I fully, cordially and strongly commend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to all or any who suffer in a similar way, and feel sure that any one who adopts Pink Pills with perseverance and patience cannot find their expectations unrealized or their reasonable hopes blasted. But he will find that blessing which is the reward of a full trust in a true and reliable remedy. I shall always wish and desire the greatest success for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and always cherish a deep feeling of gratitude to the friend who first said to me buy Pink Pills. I have tried them and know their true value, and am truly glad that I did, for I have found from them a good experience, to do more than is actually claimed for them."

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The Debts of Farmers Insignificant When Compared With Those of Banks and Bankers.

Secretary of Agriculture Morton's annual report contains the following:

Speaking of the export trade in dairy products of the United States, the report points out the fact that in cheese the United States, while a large shipper to British markets, holds the conspicuously unflattering place in the extreme rear as to quality and price, and as the only one of the competitors for this trade whose business shows a serious falling off.

This he attributes to the deterioration in the quality of American cheese by adulteration with oleo and other ingredients. In butter the United States is out of the race, supplying less than 1 per cent. of the British demand for foreign butters, notwithstanding the fact that Great Britain imported in eight months $46,000,000 worth of butter.

SAVED BY WEATHER WARNINGS.

The work of the weather bureau for the year cost $878,469. It is claimed that the warnings of cold waves secured from freezing more than $2,275,000 worth of perishable agricultural products which otherwise would have been lost.

Speaking of the work of the division of chemistry, Secretary Morton makes the following vigorous protest:

"The people are frequently misled by perverted references to the analyses of this division by advertisers of food products, etc., whose products have been analyzed in the course of investigations of food adulterations or other official work. In the hundreds of advertisements that have been noticed, in which the work of the division have been referred to, there is scarcely a single case in which the facts are accurately set forth as officially published. There is, therefore, just reason for complaint. It seems to the secretary of agriculture that there should be some method adopted by means of which the advertising misrepresentations of official analyses, intended originally to protect the people, could be prevented."

AMERICAN FRUIT ABROAD.

Among the more important varieties of fruit that have been introduced by the division of pomology are sixty-five new specimens of figs, received from the Royal Horticultural society, of England. Other important importations consisted of twenty-nine varieties of the choicest apples of Austria-Hungary, which have been grafted upon seeding stocks for the purpose of propagation. It is proposed to distribute these trees to the experiment stations as soon as they are in proper condition. Efforts have also been made to introduce improved and hardy varieties of persimmons from Northern China and the citron of commerce from Italy. During the fiscal year there were shipped 818,711 barrels of apples abroad, valued at $1,954,318, and 7,137,842 pounds of dried apples, of the value of $461,214. The variety which has sold for the highest price in British markets is the Albemarle pippin, which is successfully grown to its greatest perfection in the state of Virginia. California fruits made marked gains in European markets during the year.

IMPROVING THE ROADS.

Improved road construction is progressing in many of the states, notably in Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina and Kentucky. More than half the states have passed new road laws within the last year, and there is a general effort to ascertain the best methods for developing the country roads, for using the county prisoners or state convicts for this purpose, and for organizing state commissions to look after these matters.

THE FUTURE OF FARMING

The report closes with a discussion of "The Future of Farms and Farming in the United States," in which the secretary compares the indebtedness of the various classes of owners. "These figures," he says, "show an enormous and consistent indebtedness of the banks and bankers alongside of which the money in farm mortgages and the debts owed by farmers are relatively insignificant. The debts of railroads, bankers, manufacturers and merchants entitle them, and not the farmers, to be called the 'debtor class' in America."

In conclusion he says: "The value of farm lands, being governed by the relation of the supply of those lands to the demand for them, will therefore steadily increase. The area or supply remains stationary, or from careless tillage decreases. But the added millions of our population augment and intensify the demand. Therefore, the price of farms must in the next twenty years, and possibly in ten years, advance more markedly than those of urban real estate. The owners of fertile fields, however, must understand now that agriculture is swiftly becoming a scientific profession. The more the farmer cultivates his mind the better and more profitably he can cultivate his fields. The department of agriculture has expended during each of the last two years a greater per cent. of its appropriations in the application of science to farming, to correct tillage and fertilization than ever before."

Taking a Long Sleep.

The physicians of Wyoming county are greatly puzzled over the peculiar case of Miss Pearl Barton, aged 20, who has been asleep continuously since Nov. 28 and who shows no signs of awakening. The young woman has always been in good health and never slept longer than usual.

On the morning of November 28, when she did not arise at the usual time, her mother, Mrs. Henry Barton, one of Centre Moreland's prominent residents, called her, but she continued to sleep on. The mother felt no alarm, until a couple of hours later, when she again called her daughter but could not arouse her. A doctor who was sent for suggested that she be allowed to sleep during the day and to awaken naturally.

She was undisturbed, but the day passed and she still slumbered. She has not awakened since, and every effort made by the doctors to arouse her has been unavailing. Her breathing is regular, her pulse a little below normal and her mind still acts, as evidenced by her dreams, in which she talks. She is losing weight somewhat and her parents are afraid that she will gradually waste away and die.

The good and benevolent people of Pottsville are setting an example that the people of other towns, in the country, by following, would not only enjoy their bounteous spread on Christmas day with better relish, but would shed a ray of sunshine in the homes of those who are unable to provide these things for the little ones, that makes Christmas the day of all days. The people of Pottsville urged on by its enterprising newspapers, are raising a fund for the purpose of providing the homes of the poor and distressed with a good wholesome dinner on Christmas, as well as candies sufficient to fill the stockings of the little ones. Surely there are charitable people enough in Bloomsburg to emulate the example, so that there will be no home in our town that Santa Claus will slight.

A Singular Paradox.

It seems strange, but it is nevertheless true, that the steadier the collieries in this region work and the more money is earned the less beer is consumed. The breweries and wholesale dealers who supply the beverage state that the consumption during the last three months, during which the collieries have been working full time, has been only about two-thirds of the quantity consumed during the preceding three months, when the men were working only half time.—*Shenandoah News.*

Internal Revenue.

Tax Received From Playing Cards and Cigarettes.

The large number of packs of playing cards used in the United States during a single year can be estimated when it is known that there is an internal revenue tax of two cents a pack, and that last year the government derived $382,402.50 from it. This represents 38,240,250 packs.

Speaking of internal revenue figures it will perhaps be interesting to know that last year the tax on cigarettes netted $1,666,922 during the year, an increase of $74,511 over last year. The total number of cigarettes taxed was 3,328,477,677, or about 10 each for every male inhabitant of the country. The total revenue from tobacco in the last year amounted to $29,704,907.

To Make Hens Lay.

A Reading dispatch says some valuable advice to farmers is given by G. H. D. Line, who is a great chicken raiser and egg producer in lower Alsace. His plan in brief is to make hens work for a living. Mr. Line says: "It is necessary to make hens scratch for a living. I accomplish this by feeding corn on the cob instead of shelling it. I take what I consider a necessary number of ears, split them up into small parts and throw them in to the chickens, leaving the grains of corn on the cob. This makes them work in order to secure a meal, and work of this kind is absolutely requisite to the production of eggs. I have observed this principle of feeding for some years and have been satisfied with the results, because my hens lay in fall and winter, when eggs are high in price.

Double Pay for Christmas.

Committees from the blast furnace men's federation of the Shenango Valley on Monday gave notice to the officials of the seventeen furnaces that has created a great stir in iron circles. They demand that they receive one and a half day's pay for working on Sundays and other legal holidays, except Christmas and Fourth of July, when they expect double pay. This is equal to a 15 per cent. advance. The officials positively refuse to consider the proposition and a strike is imminent. About 5000 men are involved.

Land for All.

Taking the whole land surface of the globe into consideration, there are 22½ acres for each inhabitant on this planet.

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You can starve the body in more ways than one; you can give it food and not feed it. It needs oxygen. The oxygen you get from the air is carried to all parts of the body by the red corpuscles of the blood. One drop of blood contains millions of these. When these are deficient in blood, we call it poor blood, and it shows itself in general weakness, lack of appetite, and loss of weight. What you want is something which will make more red corpuscles.

Scott's Emulsion

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The Philadelphia Press

For 1896.

Pennsylvania's greatest Republican family newspaper, The Philadelphia Press, will enter upon the new year under the most favorable conditions of its history.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elizabeth Stoker

The undersigned an auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the said estate, will sit at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, on January 7, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons having claims against said estate must appear and prove the same, or be debarred from coming in on said fund.

W. A. EVERT, Auditor.
12-13-3t.

TAKE NOTICE.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that she has purchased fr. m H. W. Phillips of Montour township, the following described personal property. All parties are hereby notified not to interfere with the same: Two horses and harness, large wagon, spring wagon, bob sleds, and household furniture. The same has been loaned to him during my pleasure.

MARY NEYHART.
12-13-4t*

ELECTION NOTICE.

There will be an election of a Board of Directors of the Bloomsburg Banking Company at the Banking house in Bloomsburg, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1896, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to serve for the ensuing year.

H. H. GROTZ, Cashier.
12-13-4t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Caleb Barton, late of Bloomsburg, dec'd.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Caleb Barton, late of Bloomsburg, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned executors, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

T. J. BARTON,
H. W. McKEYNOLDS,
Executors.
12-13-6t

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sarah Johnson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, appointed an auditor to distribute fund in the hand of N. B. Johnson and B. F. Sides, adm'rs. of Sarah Johnson, deceased, will attend at his office in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1896, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the duties of his appointment. All persons having claims against said fund are hereby required to present them before the auditor properly authenticated, or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of said fund.

JOHN G. FREEZE, Auditor.
12-13-4t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Maria Lowery, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Maria Lowery, late of Centre township, dec'd., have been granted to Geo. Lowery, executor of said estate, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

GEO. LOWERY, Executor.
B. F. ZARR, Atty.
11-29-6t.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank of Bloomsburg, Pa. will be held at their banking house, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1896, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. for the election of directors for ensuing year.

A. H. BLOOM, Cashier.
12-6-4t.

Do you take the COLUMBIAN?

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1896,

AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M.,

All that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land situate in the township of Hemlock, county of Columbia, and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a pine knot, corner of land of George Hartman, south 16½ degrees west, 281 perches to a stone (late a chestnut tree) thence by land of Michael Stecker, north 89½ degrees east 210 3-10 perches to a white oak grub; thence by land of George Shane and Obed Everett, north 3-4 degrees west 267 5-10 perches to a post (late a pine) thence by land of Joseph Crossley, north 89 degrees west, 27 perches to the place of beginning, containing

108 ACRES,

and ninety-five perches and allowances, whereon is erected a large

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

bank barn and other outbuildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of James M. Shew vs. Wm. Kuster, adm'r. of Christopher Kuster, and to be sold as the property of Christopher Kuster.

ZARR, Atty. J. B. McHENRY, Sheriff.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

—OF VALUABLE—

REAL ESTATE.

In pursuance of an order issued out of the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, the undersigned administratrix of J. Milton Bower, late of Briarcreek township, deceased will expose at public sale on the premises on SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described real estate, to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Briarcreek township aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone heap at corner of lands of William Walp, thence by lands formerly of David Shaffer, south 21½ deg. E. 275 and eight-tenths perches to post; thence by lands formerly of Samuel Shaffer and George Bower, north 48½ deg. E. 35½ perches to a post; thence by land of William Walp, N. 18 deg. W. 236 and two-tenths perches to place of beginning, containing

54 ACRES

and eight perches of land, on which are erected a

BRICK DWELLING,

large bank barn and out building. Well watered, good orchard.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per centum of one-fourth of the purchase money shall be paid at the striking down of the property; the one-fourth less the ten per cent. at the confirmation absolute; and the remaining three-fourths in one year after confirmation nisi, with interest from that date.

EMMA C. BOWER, Administratrix.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE

—OF VALUABLE—

REAL ESTATE.

Pursuant to an order of the Court of Common Pleas, the undersigned assignee will sell at public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1895,

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate:

Grist mill, eight acres of land and three houses, situate in Hemlock township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, beginning at stone on line of land of William Ivey; thence by said land N. 58 deg. W. 9.7 perches to a post; thence N. 6 deg. W. 6.6 perches to a point on bank of Head Race; thence 10¼ deg. E. 2.5 perches to a stone; thence N. 60 deg. E. 7.4 perches to a stone in public road leading from Bloomsburg to Buckhorn; thence N. 33¾ deg., E. 11.2 perches to a stone; thence N. 79 deg. E. 1.6 perches to a corner near a springhouse; thence N., 3 deg. W. 1 perch to a stone; thence S. 82¾ deg. E. 21 perches to a stone; thence S. 17¾ deg. W. 5.1 perches to a stone; thence S. 2¾ deg. W. 8.6 perches to a stone in the public road; thence S 72 deg. E. 11.1 perches to a white oak; thence along land of James Barton, S., 10 deg. W. 21 perches to a stone, the place of beginning; containing two acres and eighteen perches, being the property known as the Red Mill. Together with the reserved rights and water rights as et forth in a certain deed of conveyance to William Ivey, dated 28th May, 1881. Recorded deed book 33, page 411, etc. Together with the seven acres of land containing the dam or reservoir of said water power as described and conveyed to I. W. McKelvy by William Ivey and wife by deed dated 1st Sept. 1882. Recorded in deed book 35, page 354, etc. Said Red Mill property includes three dwellings, barn and outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE.—Ten per cent. when the property is struck off, fifteen per cent. within thirty days thereafter, and the balance in six months after date of sale, with interest on unpaid purchase money from date of possession given.

A. Z. SCHOCH, Assignee of estate of I. W. McKelvy.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jeremiah Hess, late of Bloomsburg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Jeremiah Hess, late of Bloomsburg, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrators to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

GEO. W. HESS,
J. A. HESS,
Administrators.
SNYDER, Atty.
11-8-6t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William Elwell, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of William Elwell, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned executors, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

GEO. E. ELWELL,
N. U. FUNK,
Executors.
10-25-6t.

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W. C. McKINNEY,

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THE COLUMBIAN.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

FOR SALE.

Desirable vacant lots and a number of good houses and lots in Bloomsburg, Pa The best business stand in Bloomsburg. A very desirable property containing 19 acres and first class buildings with good will in a business worth $1200 to $1500 per year at Willow Grove.

Dwellings in Espy, Orangeville and Beach Haven. A large number of farms in Columbia County, one in Luzerne County, one in Virginia. Two Country Store Stands in Columbia County and one in Luzerne County, A water power planing mill, dry dock and lumber yard and sheds in Beach Haven, Pa. Also 10 acres of good farm land at same place. by M. P. LUTZ & SON, Insurance and Real Estate Agents, BLOOMSBURG, PA. tf.

Fine Hotel Property for Sale.

The old and well established hotel known as the Farmers' Hotel on Iron street is for sale on easy terms. This is one of the best paying stands in the Town of Bloomsburg. For particulars inquire of John S. Williams, auctioneer and real estate agent, office in 1st National Bank Building, Main street, Bloomsburg, Pa. tf.

For Sale.

A desirable house and lot. Corner lot about 50 x 80 feet, beautiful location, all modern improvements; will be sold at once. Cheap for cash, or part down and balance to suit the purchaser; or part in exchange for other property.

For further information call on S. D. Neyhard, Building, Loan and Real Estate Agent, over First National Bank, Bloomsburg, Pa. 11-15 tf.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Interesting Items From Various Points in the County. Reported by Our Staff of Correspondents.

EAST BENTON.

The following proverb holds good in all branches of business: "He that would thrive, either himself must hold or drive."

There is a genuine and counterfeit in everything. But the counterfeit is always the troublesome thing, that gives greater value to the genuine; but never until multitudes have been swindled and robbed by the fraud, or counterfeit. This is true in all business, social and religious affairs of men.

John Wenner of Van Camp, had a paralytic stroke, week ago last Wednesday morning. It affected both his mind and speech. He is in his eightieth year.

The cold freezing weather has run the water supply down to a minimum. The water mains will soon be at a low ebb unless we get a thoroughly soaking rain before winter fully sets in.

Stotte E. Colley of this township was buried in the Benton cemetery last Saturday, at the advanced age of 83 or 84 years.

The protracted meeting at the Hamiline M. E. Church is one of the old fashioned revival kind. Twenty-five or upward have signified their intention to unite with the church, and the meeting is still in progress.

For some years past we have had a number of silver tongued orators, but it yet remains to be seen whether we get a silver tongued country or not.

An overwhelming and quarreling majority always speedily melts away into an insignificant and hopeless minority. This is the record of all corrupt parties.

It is said that the President went duck-shooting, after the Congressional recess. Well, he should have gone to Cuba or Venezuela, where there is plenty of game.

Some say that life is not worth living; but who would not live to see such delightful weather as we have had, all the fall and winter thus far.

Of course, the people of our locality are addicted to Sunday visiting as much as those of any other; but we never cared to reflect upon the good name of our neighbors, by personally reporting Sabbath desecrators, or visitors for newspaper publication.

GOODMAN—COOPER.

At the Methodist parsonage in Bloomsburg, on Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, Mr. Gordon Goodman and Miss Gertrude Cooper both of this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. C. Conner, in the presence of a few friends. The contracting parties have many friends in Bloomsburg who extend their congratulations. We are informed that they will reside in Schuylkill County where Mr. Goodman is engaged in the mercantile business.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Saturday, Dec. 14th, about eighty persons assembled at the house of Mr. and Mrs. John Neyhard in Orangeville, to celebrate their fiftieth marriage anniversary. Pleasant intercourse was held, and many hearty congratulations were extended to the aged couple. Mr. Neyhard is the father of ten children: Mrs. A. B. Herring, by his first wife, and the following by his present wife: Frances, who was accidently killed by the cars near Espy, over twenty five years ago, Isaiah, Amos, William, Agnes, Callie, Mrs. Eliza Stoker, Mrs. Maggie Mathers, and Mrs. Mary Deitrich of Oregon. All the surviving children were present except the last named, who however, in anticipation of the event, sent some delicious prunes from her adopted State on the Pacific. A sumptuous dinner was served, and all partook of the same with apparent relish. At an opportune time the pastor, Rev. A. Houtz, delivered a suitable address, and in prayer thanked the Great Father for the blessings of the past, and invoked His guardianship upon the aged couple. It was his privilege also, to present as the gifts of the children, a pair of gold spectacles to the mother, and a gold headed cane to the father, and as a gift of the friends present, a purse containing silver, gold and bank notes, to the amount of over forty dollars. Thus pleasantly ended the celebration of the fiftieth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Neyhard, an event which only a few married couples are permitted to celebrate. A. H.

SANTA CLAUS CAPTURED.

Rishton's windows are always attractive, and on special occasions much ingenuity and taste are displayed in his decorations. The holiday feature is the "Capture of Santa Claus." The benevolent old gentleman has descended the chimney with a pack on his back to distribute his gifts, and the Brownies have caught his foot in a rat trap. A little child in bed is looking on in great glee, while the Brownies are all over the room, on the mantel, on the bedstead, on the floor, in the chimney. Two of them are holding the chain attached to the trap. After enjoying this amusing scene, holiday shoppers should step inside and see the beautiful display of Christmas goods,

Among the many stores in Bloomsburg where holiday specialties are found, I. W. Hartman & Son never take a back seat. Their windows are decked out in a very attractive manner, and their store is filled with goods that delight the eye, and yet do not deplete the pocket-book. Beautiful pictures, fine china, toilet sets and pretty things by the thousand are on their shelves and counters. The best way to get an idea of their stock is to go and see it.

"The world is ever as we take it,
And life, dear child, is what
we make it."

This was the sentiment of an old lady to her grandchild Mabel. And many a Mabel has found it to be true, and she has taken care of her health. She keeps on hand a supply of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and so is not troubled with those wasting diseases, weaknesses, "dragging-down" sensations and functional irregularities that so many women endure.

"Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol to inebriate; no syrup or sugar to derange digestion. As *peculiar* in its remedial results as in its composition.

As a powerful, invigorating tonic, it imparts strength to the whole system, particularly to the womb and its appendages. For feeble women generally, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is unequaled as an appetizing cordial and restorative tonic.

A Book of 168 pages, on "Woman and Her Diseases," their Nature, and How to Cure them by home treatment, sent *sealed in plain envelope*, on receipt of ten cents in stamps for postage. This book is profusely illustrated with wood-cuts and colored plates, also with a vast number of reproduced photographs of those cured by the use of "Favorite Prescription" and without having to go through the ordeal of consulting a doctor. Full names and addresses are given so you can correspond and learn their experiences in curing themselves. Address, WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. JOS. G. COLLINS, (P. O. Box 187) of *Alfred Centre, Allegany Co., N. Y.*, writes: "I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for three months and it helped me more than all the other medicines that I had taken. Had been sick for four months with uterine troubles—can now be around on my feet without any trouble whatever; before taking 'Favorite Prescription' I could hardly get around at all. I hope this statement will benefit others."

MRS. COLLINS.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

What Has Occurred There Since Our Former Report.

Contrary to all expectations the case of Nask et al. vs. Llewellyn et. al. continued over Friday and Saturday and was not completed until Wednesday when the Jury returned a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff for $1072.22.

In the estate of John D. Hummer, deceased. Sale of real estate ordered.

Layton Runyan, vs. C. W. Eves with notice to C. C. Peacock and C. W. Miller terre tenants. Judgment entered against the defendants for want of an affadavit of defense for $50.40 with costs.

James L. Evans Esq, was appointed auditor in the estate of Richard Shannon, deceased.

Emma Pursel vs. Alex. A. Pursel. Divorce. Publication ordered.

In the estate of Nehemiah Kile, deceased. Frank Ikeler Esq., was appointed auditor.

William Chrisman was appointed auditor in the estate of E. O. Jackson deceased.

Report of viewers in favor of a public road in Briarcreek township near G. B. Martz. The exceptions were withdrawn and the report confirmed absolutely.

Mathias C. Wolf was appointed guardian of Mary E. Wolf and Lilla Wolf minor children of Sarah A. Wolf deceased.

The second report of the Auditor in the matter of the assignment of the Catawissa deposit bank was confirmed nisi.

William A. Mauey, was appointed guardian of Emma A. Westbrook. Report of sale of the real estate of Harriet Morris deceased, was confirmed nisi.

C. G. Jackson, Esq, was appointed auditor in the estate of Alem B. Cleaver, deceased.

It was ordered that the applications for licenses be published in the COLUMBIAN and *News Item*.

NEW ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

At the last meeting of the Town Council, arc lights were ordered at Third and Catharine, Ninth and Catharine, Fourth and Jefferson and Second and Barton. They are being erected, and the people residing in the neighborhood will soon have the benefit of them. In the matter of lighting the Town, there should be no discrimination; one portion of the Town is as much entitled to light as another.

The Leader Department Store has made large additions to its mammoth stock this week, in order to supply the demand of holiday shoppers. There is scarcely an article you can mention but you can find it in their establishment. The large window is neatly decorated with linens, china ware, bric a brac and furniture. Handsome napkins are so arranged as to form the words "Merry Christmas."

Whilst some of the industries are not over-crowded with orders, it is a pleasure to know that one of our plants is obliged to work nights, in order to keep pace with their work. A walk through the works of Harman & Hassart, Tuesday afternoon, found everyone busy, and we were informed that they were working every night until nine o'clock. The prospects are bright for work all winter.

Two of the prettiest windows in the Town are those of J. R. Townsend. They are tastefully trimmed with English Holly, which Mr. Townsend procured at a considerable expense. The one is dressed with the latest style of caps, whilst in the other is displayed a handsome line of men's furnishing goods. It is a display worth walking quite a distance to see.

Tuesday night, whilst several of our young ladies and gentlemen were skating on the creek near the Red Rock bridge, the ice broke under the feet of two of the skaters, precipitating them to the bottom of the stream. Fortunately, the water was not deep, and aside from a good ducking no injury resulted.

Several of our merchants have been annoyed by shop lifting, which has been practised by several boys and girls. They are known, a strict watch will be kept, and any one caught committing this crime will be dealt with according to law.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mifflin gave a dinner party at their home on Main Street, last Saturday. Among the guests present were, Rev. and Mrs. Weeks, Rev. and Mrs. Heilman, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wolverton, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Pensyl.

Alexander Bros. & Co. have a nice lot of holiday candies. Their chief attraction is the stock of meerschaum pipes and fine cigars, nice presents for a friend.

The COLUMBIAN is a mercantile Blue Book. All the leading merchants advertise in its columns.

February 21st has been fixed as the time for the execution of Durrant.

HELPING THE SHOPPER.

The giver at Christmas time has double pleasure. First he has the delight of selecting, and having enjoyed that to its full, second, the delight of giving.

There is no doubt that the buyer at Christmas time is one of the happiest of mortals, notwithstanding all the perplexities of the position. The COLUMBIAN seeks to add to the happiness of the Christmas shopper by removing many of the perplexities, in making its columns an index for the purchaser.

Our pages this week tell the shopper where to go, and aid him in making up his mind as to what to get. Generally speaking, the advertising columns of the COLUMBIAN this week are quite as interesting as any other department.

MUSICALE AT THE NORMAL.

The Mendelssohn musicale at the Normal Auditorium was attended by not only the students of the school, but by a large number of the residents of Town, to whom an invitation had been issued. A carefully written biography of Mendelssohn was read by Miss Ethel Vance of Anderson N. C. She was followed by Miss Grace Housel, who rendered in a very acceptable manner a piano number, which was succeeded by the semi chorus of girls, who sang a fine selection. A piano trio was next on the program, which was followed by the Serenade Club of mandolin and guitars. This was highly appreciated, but the club did not respond to the encore. Miss Geisinger rendered the Scherzo in E minor in a beautiful manner. Mr. Fred Miller next entertained the audience with a violin solo, and it was at once apparent that he was an artist. After a beautiful song by Miss Powell, the Normal Orchestra rendered the Wedding March. They have a fine reputation which they fully sustained last Friday evening. The exercises were brought to a close with a chorus of about twenty voices. They rendered a number from the oratorio Elijah.

TURKEY THIEVES.

If there is any kind of a thief that is more contemptible than any other, it is the cowardly midnight sneak who steals poultry. Last week we supposed that we were all fixed for a good Christmas dinner. In our poultry yard was a fine gobbler that weighed nearly twenty-five pounds, and we didn't dream that the man existed who was so mean that he would rob an editor. But there is just exactly that kind of a pimp in Bloomsburg, and on Friday morning last we found our hen house doors open, and the turkey was gone. We are informed that many people in town have had turkeys stolen recently, and those who have not lost any had better guard them well. We believe one person is doing the stealing, and there are a few things that point suspiciously in a certain direction, and a watch has been set on the tracks of the suspected party.

1896.

1896 will be a Leap Year, and the last one for eight years. There will be four eclipses, two of the moon, and two of the sun. Only one of them will be visible in the United States, and that is due on the 23rd of August. Lent, the period in which all churchmen are interested, falls somewhat earlier the coming year, as Ash Wednesday is on February 19. This brings Easter Sunday on April 5. This year Easter Sunday was on April 14. Of the holidays the Fourth of July will fall upon Saturday, thus bringing two days of business suspension together.

The *Dushore Review* says that David Brown, a well known Lopez lumberman, has captured fifty-two deer and nine bears in the mountains in that vicinity. The last capture was a fine specimen of black bear, weighing about 350 pounds, which was taken alive.

DR. KILMER'S SWAMP-ROOT

THE GREAT KIDNEY, LIVER AND BLADDER CURE.

La Grippe,

Cures the bad after effects of this trying epidemic and restores lost vigor and vitality.

Diabetes,

Excessive quantity and high colored urine.

Impure Blood,

Eczema, scrofula, malaria, pimples, blotches.

General Weakness,

Constitution all run down, loss of ambition, and a disinclination to all sorts of labor.

Guarantee—Use contents of One Bottle, if not benefited, Druggists will refund to you the price paid.

At Druggists, 50c. Size, $1.00 Size.

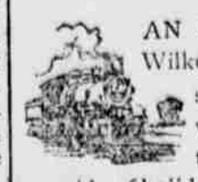
"Invalids' Guide to Health" free- Consultation free.

DR. KILMER & CO., BINGHAMTON, N.

JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

December 19, 1895.



AN EXCURSION to Wilkes-Barre's greatest shopping bazaar will be profitable this week. The myraids of holiday novelties, toys, books, games and staple articles, with which this big establishment is stocked must be sold. We never carry over goods from season to season, hence this week will be one of the greatest clearing sale weeks ever given by this house. You will find a thousand and one things that are pretty, useful and inexpensive. The young folks are delighted with the wonderful collection of toys. The older folks are pleased with the more staple articles, such as fancy work, art needle work, bric-a-brac, beautiful lamps, silver ornaments, embroidered handkerchiefs in endless variety of all fabrics, of all designs, ranging in price from 10c, to $2.

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs at 13c and 25c. Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs at 25c.

A luxurious gift is one of our Fur Rugs in white, grey and black, which costs only $2.75. Then the Smyrna Rugs at $2.48 are rich in appearance and very desirable as a gift.

Babys' Fur Robes, extra size, with pocket, only $6.

Our Picture Gallery contains a grand collection of Pictures with prices cut to suit. 14-16 pastel effects in fine gilt frame are sold at 25c. Autogravicar effects, gilt frames, 18-20, are 69c.

Probably one of the most useful gifts is our special Sewing Machine, manufactured only for us by a leading manufacturer, and the equal of any $60 machine. It has a high arm, highly polished, hard wood top and cover and finished in beautiful style. We warrant it for five years and sell it at a mere nominal price. 3 drawer, $17.46; 5 drawer, $19.46.

Many a boy can be made comfortable and happy with one of our Reefer Suits, plain blue, brown, and grey mixed Scotch cheviot. We reduce them for the holidays to $2.48

A handsome Onyx and Gilt Table at $3.95 makes a desirable gift.

A Banquet Lamp complete with silk shade or one of the new decorated china globes may be bought at $2.59.

In our Book Department you will find the newest up to date books, no shop worn books adorn the shelves. A handsome little gift may be selected from our handy volume, printed with large type, bound in English silk cloth, stamped in silver, 75 titles to select from, at the volume 19c.

Shakespeare's and Byron's complete works in one large volume, cloth bound, 89c.

Our stock of Juvenile Books numbers about 3,000 to select from. They are handsomely illustrated and are printed on heavy paper or linen. Prices begin at 4c and run to 89c.

In Toys we mention Wheel Barrows at 25c; Brass Drums at 23c; Iron Horses and Carts, 10c; Iron Savings Banks, 25c; boys' Express Wagons, 45c; Harmless Guns, 75c; Mechanical Engines, 98c; Magic Lanterns, an instructive toy, all prices from $1.50.

Dolls! Dolls! Dolls! Representing all races, a big colony to select from and at very attractive prices. Good Dolls, 5c; Kid Body Dolls, 19c; Dressed Dolls, 10c. We might go indefinitely enumerating this big department list, but prefer to have you call. We know it will be an enjoyable event for you and the little ones.

Respectfully,

Jonas Long's Sons

Cor. W. Market and Public Square.

A BEAUTIFUL WINDOW.

The mammoth windows of the Bloomsburg Store Company's limited big store at the corner of Main and Centre Streets offers suggestions this week to holiday shoppers. They are always tastefully dressed. The store itself is a perfect bee hive of business at present, and crowds are continually coming in and out of the doors. Their assortment of goods and holiday novelties is one of the largest in the Town. A visit to the store room must be made to appreciate this fact. Indeed it would be impossible for any one who is out on a holiday shopping tour to fail finding what they want here. They have gifts suitable for any one, and at prices which you can afford to pay. You can purchase anything in the drygoods line from a spool of cotton, up. Their stock of queensware and china is full and complete, and nothing perhaps which we could suggest would suit your wife better than a set of dishes. You can get it here. The quality of the goods will be gnaranteed, and the price will be right.

Or perhaps you desire to purchase that dress which you have so long intended buying. We can please you, Cashmere, Henrietta, or Serges from which to make your selection. This cold weather suggests a shawl. We have them too. For the husband, we have boots, shoes, hats and caps. We have just received a large lot of fine shirts. Make good and sensible presents. They are the best we have ever offered for the money. Then too we have handkerchiefs, brierwood pipes, suspenders, gloves, &c. These are all fine, well made goods, and are sold under a positive guarantee.

A Plain Hint to the Buyer.

Consult the advertising columns of the COLUMBIAN before making your purchases.

The buyer, who goes where he is invited, is surest of having a welcome that will be profitable to him.

The dealer, who uses the columns of a progressive newspaper like this, gives substantial proof thereby that he is a live, progressive, safe business man.

Demands Immediate Action.

This place is noted throughout the country for its beautiful streets and fine pavements. There are a few of the latter, however, which need immediate attention, or the Town will have another damage case on its hands. The owners have been given notice by the Council to repair the same, and yet they fail to comply with their request. The authorities should take immediate action in these cases, so as to save the Town from litigation.

The address of Robert R. Little Esq. before the P. O. S. of A. last Thursday was heartily enjoyed by all the members who were in attendance. It is the intention to have an address on the first meeting night of each month, on some interesting subject, and members of the adjoining camps ar invited to be present and enjoy them.

It is not generally known, but it is a fact, that John Welliver, the West Main Street blacksmith, is an expert pork killer. He will take the porker to his home, kill it, and attend to all the details, and deliver the meat, sausage, &c., to you at short notice. The butchering is done in a clean, careful manner, and satisfaction guaranteed. By this method, you are saved lots of trouble and annoyance.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

The Methodist Sunday School of Buckhorn, will render a Christmas Cantata in their church, Christmas night, Dec. 25. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend. Santa Claus, and Frost King, will be represented.

Santa Claus presides over the upper window of G. W. Hess' bakery and confectionery. Here a great assortment of all kinds of candies can be found, at the lowest prices possible for good goods.

Reduced Rate Tickets to Atlanta Exposition via Pennsylvania Railroad.

December 19 and 24 are the *last days* on which tickets for the Atlanta Exposition will be sold by the Pennsylvania Railroad, at reduced rates.

These tickets will be good for ten days.

Rates and time tables can be obtained on application to ticket agents.

WE ARE NOT CRYING

because there are so many bakers and confectioners in Bloomsburg.

BUT WE ARE REJOICING

over the fact that the many customers who use our bread and cakes

YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT

have long since learned that they are the best. Our stock of Christmas candy is large and open for inspection. It is pure, and the price is right.

D. A. McGEE,

East Street Baker.